

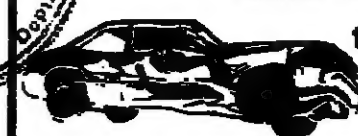
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U.S. Senate report:

Saudi Arabia wants 60 additional F-15s, over 1,000 missiles

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON — A report on the fighting in the Persian Gulf released yesterday by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee says that Saudi Arabia wants 60 more F-15 fighter aircraft as well as many more missiles.

The report quoted an unnamed senior Saudi official in the Defence Ministry as saying that his country needs "twice" its current number of F-15s to defend the country, "25 of which he believes should be made available in the near future."

The U.S. sold 60 F-15s to Saudi Arabia in 1978.

The committee report is based on the findings of a bipartisan group of staff members who visited eight countries in the Middle East in July. It was released by committee chairman Charles Percy, Illinois Republican.

The Saudi official told the delegation that Saudi Arabia needs an additional 1,000 Stinger air-to-air missiles as well as the improved Chaparral missile and an unspecified number of Sidewinder missiles.

Another Saudi official said that if Saudi Arabia is to be responsible for defence of the Lower Gulf, they would also need more AWACS surveillance aircraft.

"Now that West Germany is unlikely to sell the Leopard tank to the Saudis," the report continued, "there is renewed interest in the M-1 Abrams tank as well as the M-2 Bradley fighting vehicle."

The report noted, however, that "Israel and many members of Congress are concerned about the implications of selling sophisticated arms to Arab governments."

The Reagan administration is un-

likely to sponsor a major new arms sale to Saudi Arabia in advance of the November elections, although most observers believe such a sale will be proposed shortly thereafter.

The report said Kuwait was also seeking additional U.S. arms, especially Stinger missiles. But it concluded that "the risks to the physical security of Stinger technology would be significantly greater in Kuwait than in Saudi Arabia."

It said the Stinger sale "is apparently not going forward." Instead, the U.S. has offered Kuwait an alternative package which stresses upgrade of the I-Hawk (anti-aircraft), early warning devices such as radar balloons, a data link to U.S. AWACs, and enhanced command and control measures.

The U.S. rejection of the Kuwaiti Stinger request, it continued, was followed by the July visit of Defence Minister Salem to Moscow to sign an arms deal valued at over \$100 million.

Regarding the peace process, the report said Iraq has "modified its position on Israel from refusal to consider any Arab-Israeli peace to a stated willingness to accept any settlement agreed to by the PLO."

It said Syria has emerged as the Soviet Union's No. 1 ally in the region. It said some 8,000 Soviet troops and advisers were currently in Syria; adding that Moscow supplied Damascus with \$2.5 billion worth of advanced arms following the fighting with Israel in Lebanon, including two complexes of Soviet-made SA-5 surface to air missiles, M-23 and M-25 aircraft and SS-21 missiles.

"This injection of military might gives Syria the strength and fortitude to challenge the U.S. and Israel in Lebanon," it said.

Panama tanker, Gulf's 41st victim, hit by Iran plane

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP). — A warplane rocketed a Panamanian vessel yesterday as it sailed to a Saudi Arabian port, adding a 41st victim to the list of tankers attacked in the Gulf war since February.

The captain of the 20,880-gross ton Cleo 1 radioed no distress signals, but reported his vessel was struck between the bow and stern by a single rocket as it plied Gulf waters toward the Saudi oil terminal of Ras Tanura, about 100 kilometres north east of Qatar.

The skipper said he was forced to use the ship's emergency steering and shipping sources said he was sailing to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, because U.A.E. ports were experiencing "inspecting and repairing ships" attacked in the 47-month-old war.

The Cleo 1 was attacked at about 10 a.m., eight hours before it was

expected to dock at Ras Tanura to pick up crude oil and sail back to Sri Lanka, said the ship's agent in Ras Tanura.

Lloyd's intelligence unit in London said the rocket started a fire, but it was quickly extinguished.

Iran has been held responsible for seven previous attacks on merchant ships in the Gulf. Iraq, which initiated the tanker war last February, was blamed for the attack on a Cypriot tanker last Friday.

Yesterday's attack followed by one day a meeting in Baghdad by seven Arab foreign ministers and the secretary-general of the Arab League. The group failed to agree on proposals for organizing an international campaign to convince oil importing nations not to buy Iranian crude, according to an Arab diplomat in Iraq.

Lebanese cross faster at Bateer a-Shouf

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER. METULLA. — The waiting period for Lebanese civilians to cross between southern and northern Lebanon has been reduced from as long as three days to about five hours since the Bateer a-Shouf crossing point north of Jezzine was reopened on Friday.

The site was closed for four days last week to enable the army to improve security arrangements. As a

result, only commercial vehicles are permitted to cross, while passengers in private vehicles must cross on foot and continue their journeys via public transportation.

There have been complaints that taxi and bus drivers picking up those who cross on foot have been charging as much as 10 Lebanese pounds (about \$500) for a journey as short as four kilometres.



Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and prime minister-designate Shimon Peres yesterday at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem. (Isaac Harari)

Lack of Speaker candidates puts House session in doubt

Post Knesset Correspondent

Because no Knesset faction has yet announced its candidate for the post of Knesset Speaker, the prospects that the Knesset will convene next Monday appeared slim last night. However, this morning's meeting of the steering committee could produce some surprises.

Interim Knesset Speaker Abba Eban learned in a phone conversation with Moshe Shahal, the Alignment chairman of the steering committee, that the Alignment does not for the time being intend to formally propose Shlomo Hillel as Speaker.

The Alignment and the factions sympathetic to it have not mustered enough potential support to ensure a majority vote for Hillel.

The election of the Speaker and his deputies by the Knesset plenum takes place in an open vote (unlike the plenum election of the president of the state, which is by secret ballot).

The steering committee is to meet this morning at the request of 10 Knesset members who asked for a discussion on ways of "putting the Knesset and its committees into regular operation." One of the prime

movers among the MKs is Tehiya's Geula Cohen, who has already tried in vain to get the Aliya Committee functioning.

Eban also considered yesterday a request from the Histadrut for permission to hold a mass demonstration outside the Knesset shortly, to protest against the Treasury's refusal to update income-tax brackets in line with the rise in the cost-of-living index.

Since Eban reportedly prefers to exercise the functions of the Speaker within the Knesset and not to assume responsibility for controversial requests like that of the Histadrut, he decided to approach the Histadrut leadership privately and suggest that the demonstration be staged only after a permanent Speaker takes over.

The Knesset Speaker has statutory responsibility for a considerable area outside the building, where demonstrations may only be held with his permission. He ensures that order is maintained in these precincts by the Knesset Guard, and with the help of the police and Border Police, who may enter only at his invitation.

Teachers unions: Schools won't open

By LEA LEVAVI

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER. TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Teachers Union Central Committee last night ratified the decision of the union executive not to open the new school year on Sunday unless the teachers receive the parity bonus.

A joint committee of the Histadrut Teachers Union and the Secondary School Teachers Association also met last night and ratified the decision not to open the schools.

The teachers are still waiting for Education Minister Zevulun Hammer to take a stand on the parity bonus. When the 8 per cent bonus was given to various groups of government employees several months ago, Hammer promised the teachers that they would get it if the en-

gineers, with whose wage scales the teachers are linked, received it. Hammer is now waiting for data from the Finance Ministry on whether the bonus has in fact been given to engineers in the public sector.

The Finance Ministry objects to giving the teachers the bonus on the grounds that they have already received several pay raises in implementation of the Etzioni Commission recommendations.

Hammer last night expressed sorrow at the teachers' unions' decision not to begin the school year, and added that several proposed solutions to the bonus problem were now being checked by the Education and Finance Ministries, the Education Ministry spokesman said.

Car bomb injures two villagers near Sidon

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER

METULLA. — A boobytrapped car exploded yesterday in the southern Lebanese village of Jibshit near Sidon.

Two local residents were injured in the blast. There were no Israeli soldiers in the area at the time of the incident. Israel Defence Forces units

later began a search of the area.

Reuters reported from Beirut yesterday that the Lebanese National Resistance Front, an umbrella name for the resistance movement against the Israeli forces in South Lebanon, said it had carried out 59 attacks on Israeli troops over the past month.

As Alignment hopes for narrow coalition recede

Peres, Shamir 'serious' about nat'l unity gov't

Jerusalem Post Staff

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and prime minister-designate Shimon Peres announced last night that they would need to have several more meetings in order to tackle all the problems surrounding a national unity government.

The two leaders, of the Likud and the Alignment, spoke to reporters after their third tête-à-tête since the election, at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem. They scheduled their next session for tomorrow.

Peres said these private meetings were "the best way" of making progress. He stressed that "a long series of unresolved issues" still lay before them, but said they had "more or less wrapped up the issues of foreign policy, defence and economics."

This led observers to conclude that, not unexpectedly, the toughest problems were proving to be those of a personal-political nature: the premiership and the key cabinet portfolios.

At their previous meeting, last Friday, Peres offered Shamir the finance and foreign affairs portfolios, while Shamir still held out for rotation of the premiership.

Over the weekend Likud sources said that if their party agreed to forgo the premiership, it would insist on the defence ministry as well as foreign affairs. Labour sources balked at this.

Peres and Shamir refused to give details of their talks last night. Peres only said that the "principle of

equality" dictated that "neither party be in the minority" in the unity cabinet.

The two men's decision to extend their dialogue into several more sessions — and to announce this intention in advance — further reinforces the impression in political circles that both Shamir and Peres are in earnest when they strive for a unity government.

They recognize that in the nature of things the final clinching of a deal is likely only when the end of Peres' 42-day deadline is closer. Then, they reason, recalcitrants in their respective camps will be convinced of the need to set aside their opposition to unity — or face the inevitability of early elections.

Only then, moreover, will Alignment hopes of stitching together a narrow government finally die — or, just possibly, dramatically revive.

The outlook yesterday was that such hopes are indeed doomed to die. A meeting in Jerusalem on Sunday between Peres and Agudat Yisrael strongman Shlomo Lorincz produced no cause at all for encouragement. Informed Labour party sources admitted. There was no sign of movement from the National Religious party either, where the pro-Labour forces seem to be in a minority. And Tami, vital to the Alignment's prospects of putting together, even on paper, a minority government supported by the communists, remained firm in its distaste for this scenario.

So long as no unity deal is yet finalized with the Likud, the Alignment will continue its assiduous

wooing of these various pivotal parties. But not even the most sanguine Alignment optimists seem confident of success in these efforts.

Premier Shamir, meanwhile, flanked by Ariel Sharon and Moshe Nissim, met with Aguda MKs Menahem Porush and Avraham Shapira in his office yesterday in an effort to bolster the Orthodox party's resistance to Alignment overtures.

After the meeting, Porush spoke to waiting newsmen of the increasing likelihood of early elections. This bemused political observers, since Porush's prospects of retaining his Knesset candidacy through another pre-election battle in Aguda are considered poor.

Shapiro said he would telephone Lorincz to find out what the ex-MK

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Tami still says no to narrow coalition

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Tami Party's contact team yesterday met with Alignment representatives and reiterated Tami's refusal to join a narrow government that would depend on the support of the (Arab-Jewish) Progressive List for Peace and the (Communist) Democratic Front for Peace and Equality.

It was reported that Alignment Knesset Member Gad Ya'acobi agreed with Tami's position and said that such a government would be "a fatal mistake." On the whole, the talks — which lasted for more than four hours — were said to be "very good" and on most economic and social issues there was understanding between the two parties.

The Tami team, led by Ben Zion Rubin, included Eli Dayan, Eli Artzi, Shalom Danino, Amram Harush, and Yoram Ben-Shalom. The Alignment team consisted of Ya'acobi, Rafael Edri and Adiel Amora'i.

Earlier yesterday the Tami team discussed the party's economic and social plans with Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad. Cohen-Orgad reportedly said that unemployment is inevitable, while the Tami representative said that unemployment must be avoided at all costs.

Tami's secretariat will be briefed by its contact team on Thursday, after which it will decide on its next political steps.

Herzog puts off trip decision until end of political crisis

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

President Chaim Herzog will wait until the political situation here clears up before deciding whether to accept an invitation from Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands to a ceremony in the middle of next month marking the Battle of Arnhem and the liberation of Nijmegen from the Germans.

The invitation was sent to Herzog because he took part in the liberation of Holland as an officer in the Royal Guards armoured division of the British Army. The battle was the climax of the American-British effort against the Nazis in 1944.

Responding to the invitation, Herzog said he must wait until it is clear that a government will be established and that he is not needed in the country to perform his presidential duties in the establishment of a government. Only if the political situation becomes clear will he ask the cabinet, as required by law, to approve the overseas trip.

The ceremony in Nijmegen will apparently be the only opportunity for Israel's flag to be raised at ceremonies marking the defeat of Germany 40 years ago and to show the participation of the Jews in the Allied victory.

Umm al-Fahm council calls general strike

Burg adamant on Kahane's right to visit

Jerusalem Post Reporter and Itim

Interior Minister Yosef Burg said yesterday that a Knesset member cannot be barred from going anywhere in the country, and thus there is no way that Kach party leader and Knesset Member Meir Kahane can be stopped from entering Umm al-Fahm tomorrow morning.

In announcing his visit, Kahane said he intends to try to persuade the village's residents to leave the country.

The Umm al-Fahm local council last night called a general strike for tomorrow's visit. A message to the council sent to Burg said its members will stand in a line and prevent Kahane from entering the village, and will protect village residents and democracy.

Earlier, council chairman Mahmud Hashem asked Burg to prevent the visit, saying that local residents would act to stop Kahane from entering the village, and that Burg would be responsible for anything that happened.

Burg has promised that the Kach leader will have police protection for the visit, and this was communicated to the Umm al-Fahm council by Iron police commander, Superintendent Maor Sasson.

Mapam Party leader Knesset Member Victor Shemtov yesterday sent Burg telegram asking him to prevent Kahane's visit.

"The visit is of a provocative nature, which is apt to lead to serious

incidents," Shemtov wrote. He also asked Burg to take any measures necessary to ensure that Kahane's followers stay out of the town, to prevent them from "starting things that no one knows how they will end."

The (Communist) Democratic Front for Peace and Equality yesterday issued a statement on behalf of the Jewish/Arab Committee Against Racism condemning the planned Kahane visit and protesting against a warning to Umm al-Fahm residents reportedly issued by the chief of the Valleys Division Police. Assistant Commander Yosef Wasserman reportedly warned the Umm al-Fahm council that "if one stone is thrown at Kahane, the entire council will be held responsible."

MKs to return to Tel Mond prison Thursday

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

DAVID MANDEL

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Four Knesset members who were denied entry to the Tel Mond prison and were roughed up by demonstrators outside the jail's gate on Sunday will visit the prison this Thursday.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who issued the instructions to keep the MKs out of the prison, also requested a report detailing what the police had known before the incident and to what extent the police had been prepared for it.

He said at noon yesterday that he expected the report within an hour, but no such report had arrived by last night, the Ministry spokesman said.

MKs Mordechai Virshubski (Shinui), Mordechai Bar-On (Citizens Rights Movement), and Yair Tzaban (Alignment-Mapam) came to the prison on Sunday to check reports that members of the Jewish terror underground are receiving preferential treatment. The three were joined by MK Benny Shlita (Likud-Leumi), who came to demonstrate his support for their right to visit.

The MKs were roughed up by

some 20 demonstrators, led by Kach activists, while police plainclothesmen and prison guards stood idly by, and it took half an hour for a larger police force to reach the scene. The MKs were then denied entrance to the prison at the express order of Burg, who is responsible for both the police and the Prisons Service.

Tzaban announced last night that he had asked Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir to conduct an independent investigation of police behaviour on Sunday at Tel Mond prison. Tzaban said he had no confidence in Burg's announcement that he would investigate the matter himself.

Thursday's tour is expected to begin at 10 a.m. and include the Tel Mond and Ramla prisons and the Ramla Detention Centre.

Speaking to The Jerusalem Post last night, Haim Glick, the assistant to the prisons commissioner insisted that refusing entrance to the MKs had not been an attempt to hide anything. He said Thursday was one of the original dates the Prisons Service had offered but that Virshubski, who led the group had said it was inconvenient.

Virshubski said yesterday the can-

cellation of the Knesset Finance Committee meeting and a change in his own plans will enable him to visit Thursday.

Burg yesterday insisted he had been right in denying entry to the MKs. "A prison," Burg said, "is not a public place, otherwise there would be no need for bars and jailers."

Visiting dates should be coordinated with the authorities, he insisted. The Minister also rejected Tzaban's complaints that the group had not been allowed into the prison commander's office to phone Burg and to drink a glass of water.

Burg said he had been in a cabinet meeting that morning and if the prison's gates had been opened, "you don't know who else would have pushed himself in."

Interim Knesset Speaker Abba Eban sent a letter yesterday to Burg asking whether the MKs' rights and privileges under the Knesset Members Immunity Law had been duly respected, and whether the prison and police authorities had complied with the provisions of Paragraph 9(a) of the Immunity Law with regard to unrestricted entry.

Eban intimated that he wished

Burg's reply in writing. Burg correctly applied existing rules concerning prison visits by Knesset members, Hebrew University constitutional law expert Prof. Claude Klein noted yesterday. But the rules do not have the force of law, and have been subject to dispute in the past as well.

Asked to rule on the question during his tenure as attorney-general in the early 1970s, Meir Shamgar, now Supreme Court president, held that while prisons are clearly not private domain, they are not exactly public domain either, and therefore not even MKs need be permitted absolutely free access.

Section 9 of the Knesset Members Immunity Law says that only state security can justify denying access to MKs to non-private property.

Even at the time of Shamgar's ruling, which legally does not bind anyone but was accepted by the Police Ministry, the Knesset House Committee rejected the attorney-general's opinion. But the matter did not come to a head, because in practice the Police Ministry (now included in Burg's Interior Ministry) and prison officials have been forthcoming in allowing MKs to enter

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A demonstrator yesterday holds a vigil outside the Jerusalem residence of Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, in an effort to persuade him to drop the prosecution of accused members of the Jewish terrorist underground. The placard reads: "Let the No. 1 accused — the government of Israel and the defence blunders — be brought to trial. Let a commission of inquiry be established." (Rahamim Israeli)

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FRANKFURT	14	27	81	36	Clear
GENEVA	14	27	81	36	Clear
HONG KONG	26	29	84	32	Cloudy
JOBANNESBURG	11	25	77	34	Clear
LEON	18	24	75	27	Clear
LONDON	18	24	75	27	Clear
MADRID	13	25	77	34	Clear
MONTREAL	16	24	75	34	Cloudy
NEW YORK	16	24	75	34	Cloudy
OSLO	16	24	75	34	Cloudy
PARIS	16	24	75	34	Cloudy
RO DE JANEIRO	11	25	77	34	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	11	25	77	34	Cloudy
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TOKYO	26	29	84	32	Cloudy
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Safed	30	20-29	30
Haifa Port	62	14-36	36
Tiberias	30	16-32	32
Nazareth	45	17-33	33
Afula	40	18-32	32
Sharon	61	20-30	31
B-G Airport	68	17-31	31
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Beersheba	55	18-34	34
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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

U.S. Representative Stephen Solarz (Democrat-N.Y.) yesterday called on Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

Prof. Michael Sela, president of the Weizmann Institute, yesterday presided over the dedication of a new biophysics-biochemistry laboratory. Attending were the Colombian Ambassador Dr. Miguel Duran Ordaz and Dr. Carlos Halme, president of the Association of Friends of the Institute in Colombia.

Peace Now founder made CRM secretary-general

Jerusalem Post Staff
TEL AVIV. — The Citizens Rights Movement last night unanimously appointed Dedi Zucker secretary-general of the movement, the CRM spokesman announced. Zucker, 36, was one of the founders of Peace Now and was the CRM campaign chief during the recent elections. Last year he wrote the CRM report *Human Rights in the West Bank and Gaza Strip*.

Child killed in fall from 5th-floor window

A five-year-old child was killed yesterday when he fell from the window of his fifth-floor home in Jerusalem's Kiryat Hayovel neighborhood.

The child, Yigal Barashi, climbed onto the window sill in the guest room of the flat and then suddenly fell his hold on the window sill and fell. He died immediately. (Itim)

Hapless burglar caught visiting scene of crime

An unsuccessful burglar was arrested yesterday when he returned to inspect the scene of the attempted crime and was recognized by his intended victim's neighbors.

Early yesterday morning, the would-be burglar, 23, climbed down from the roof of an apartment building in Jerusalem's Katamon neighborhood onto the balcony of a second-storey flat. Surprised by the owner of the apartment, who shouted for help, the man jumped from the balcony, landing in the midst of a group of neighbors who had come outside in response to the commotion.

The intruder struggled with the neighbors and broke away, fleeing to his nearby home. There he changed clothes and returned to the scene of the attempted break-in, accompanied by his girlfriend, apparently just to look around.

To his surprise, he was immediately identified by several of the neighbors. They pointed him out to policemen investigating the burglary attempt, who arrested him. Under questioning, the man reportedly admitted trying to break into the flat. The suspect, who has a criminal record, led police to a cache near his home, where he had hidden a pistol. (Itim)

JNF starts spruce-up of eastern Yarkon

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Jewish National Fund has begun rehabilitation and clean-up work on the Yarkon River near Petah Tikva and within the Southern Sharon Regional Council area.

Its efforts include the dredging from the river bed of fallen branches and refuse that have impaired water flow.

The JNF has also begun clearing areas on the river's north bank for recreational space and parking facilities.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Moonie paper reports IDF 'gross ineptitude' in Lebanon

By WOLF BLITZER
Post Washington Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — The *Washington Times*, published by the Rev. Moon's Unification church, yesterday reported that nearly 20 per cent of the Israeli casualties in Lebanon were the result of "friendly fire," or accidents involving Israeli forces shooting at each other.

"The high percentage of self-inflicted casualties," it said, "was attributed by U.S. officials to poor communications, leadership and discipline among Israeli ground, air and artillery units."

The report, which Israeli sources here described as "serious," quoted one unnamed U.S. military official as characterizing the Lebanese invasion as a "disaster." Another unnamed official described the Israeli army as an "inept, undisciplined horde," which frequently posed "a more serious danger to civilians and themselves than the enemy."

The report was based on what it said were classified battlefield reports. The figures cited, it said, showed that nearly 750 of the total 3,800 Israeli soldiers killed or wounded were victims of "friendly fire."

U.S. officials were quoted as saying that Israeli soldiers mistakenly downed at least two fully loaded Israeli helicopters.

"Similarly, Israeli fighter pilots, renowned for their ability to take out fortified missile installations, fared poorly when it came to supplying close air support for ground troops. In one incident alone, a high-ranking Israeli officer said, 34 soldiers were killed by their own planes during a raid near the southern end of the Bekaa valley," according to the paper.

Privately, Israeli officials here speculated that the newspaper received its initial information from "unfriendly" sources at the Pentagon, but confirmed the general thrust of the story that a disproportionately high number of Israeli soldiers were killed or injured in Lebanon as a result of accidents.

The Israel Defence Forces' Spokesman in Tel Aviv declined to comment on the *Times* report.

Lord Lew Grade here to screen his latest production

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — British magnate Lew Grade has arrived in Israel for tomorrow's gala screening of his latest movie, *The Champions*, which is based on the true story of English jockey Bob Champion.

At a press conference in the Astoria yesterday, 77-year-old Lord Grade said he decided to produce *The Champions* to give the young and old hope for overcoming cancer. Race-horse rider Champion was diagnosed in 1979 as having cancer but fought it, recovered and won the Grand National, the world's most dangerous and prestigious steeplechase.

Grade, who emigrated from Russia at five, became one of Britain's most successful post-war entrepreneurs. He was knighted in 1968 and made Life Peer in 1970, and has won the Queen's Award for Industry for Export Achievement three times.

Previous films produced by Grade include *The Return of the Pink Panther*, *The Pink Panther* and *Strikes Again, On Golden Pond and Sophie's Choice*.

He also founded ATV, England's first independent television company, and produced a number of TV shows, including *The Saint*.

His wife Kathleen "is Catholic, but more Jewish than I am," he said.



Lew Grade

Bad day in court for 2 Jlem video men

Two Jerusalem video-game store owners were arrested on tax violations yesterday almost immediately after they were released on bail in connection with cash transactions abroad.

The two, Shraga Finkel and Mordechai Kugel, both 24, had been detained for four days on charges of sending \$66,000 to a friend abroad by exploiting a law that stipulates that cash be sent outside the country only to close relatives and in limited amounts.

The two were ordered released yesterday by a Magistrate's Court judge who set bail at \$150,000 each and ordered them to surrender their passports.

Almost right away, Finkel and Kugel found themselves before the

Illegal Beduin house demolished in Galilee

CARMIEL (Itim). — As a large force of policemen stood guard, an Interior Ministry bulldozer yesterday demolished an illegally built home in the Beduin village of Kamana near here, in accordance with a court order issued about four years ago.

The Acre Magistrate's Court issued the demolition order against the home of Ismail Su'ad, after it determined that he had built it on land belonging to the Israel Lands Administration. During the past four years, Su'ad appealed the order and won an interim injunction against the demolition. The Interior Ministry applied again to the court, which this week ruled in favour of the demolition.

TEL MOND

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closed institutions with a minimum of prior coordination and notice.

Following an incident last year in which MK Charlie Biton was kept from visiting a friend in the Jerusalem lockup, the House Committee again backed him up, and the Knesset Law Committee took up the subject as well, but nothing was resolved.

Evaluating the situation, Klein said he expects that the debate will now be picked up again by the committee. He doubted whether the law would be amended, but predicted that a mutually agreed-upon formula would be set by the ministry and the Knesset. The authorities will probably still be allowed some discretion.

2 sons assault mother

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — An elderly woman of Ofakim phoned the police last night for help, saying she was being attacked by her two sons. Two policemen arrived to find the sons beating their mother and were attacked themselves by the sons when they tried to intervene.

The officers eventually arrested one of the sons, 20, but the other escaped. The police are looking for him.

Authorities investigating Tira grenade explosion

TIRA (Itim). — A hand grenade exploded early yesterday morning in the yard of a local home. No one was hurt, but a number of windows were broken.

The police and Border Police called to the scene found remnants of the grenade, which they said was a type used by the Israel Defence Forces.

They also began a search for a Subaru seen being driven from the area at about the time of the blast.



Players from top NBA basketball teams the New Jersey Nets and the Phoenix Suns arrive in Israel for their games tonight and Thursday at Tel Aviv's Yad Elihu stadium. Story — Page 4. (Ya'acov Katz)

Sniping ends Tripoli truce

BEIRUT (AP). — Renewed sniping killed a woman in Tripoli yesterday, a day after a general truce was announced in the northern city.

A sonic boom shook Beirut at mid-afternoon, and reporters in the South said Sidon, Tyre and Nabatiya were repeatedly rattled by mock dive-bombings most of the day.

In Sidon, the wife of defence Minister Adel Osseiran's personal secretary told reporters that Israeli soldiers broke into her house before dawn, searched it and interrogated her for an hour about her husband's activities.

Sabah Wahbeh said her husband, Mahmoud Wahbeh, went to Mecca three days ago for a pilgrimage and that she was in the house with her unmarried daughter when the soldiers broke the door and entered the house.

In Tripoli, police said sniping briefly violated the five-day-old cease-fire that stopped the latest round of fighting between rival Muslim militias vying for dominance of Lebanon's second-largest city, killing a woman pedestrian.

The incident was reported shortly after the return to Beirut of Prime Minister Rashid Karameh, who on Sunday announced a security plan had been worked out to bring a lasting peace to his hometown in Syrian-controlled north Lebanon.

In Beirut, meanwhile, police said "cautious calm" prevailed in the downtown commercial district and at the mid-city demarcation line between Christian and Muslim sectors.

The army command said gun battles between Christian and Muslim militiamen in these areas Sunday evening wounded four Lebanese soldiers and one civilian.

One man killed, eight injured in five more road accidents

One person was killed and eight were injured, six of them seriously, in five road accidents throughout the country Saturday night and yesterday. In four of the accidents cars overturned.

In the Gaza District on Saturday night, Yosef Cohen of Beersheba was killed in a head-on collision with a truck at the Netzarim junction on the main Ashkelon-Gaza road. The truck driver was lightly injured. The police are investigating the accident.

Four persons were seriously injured yesterday in two accidents near Beersheba. In one, a Bat Yam resident, 23, and a tourist from France, 42, were injured when their car overturned at a sharp curve on the Dimona-Sdom road. In the second, a Beersheba resident, 49, and a passenger in the car he was driving were injured when it overturned as he was trying to overtake a truck on the Beersheba-Beit Kemah road. All four were taken to Soroka Hospital in Beersheba, where they were reported out of danger.

Eyal Avbar, 15, of Holon, was seriously injured yesterday when the jeep in which he was riding overturned after one of its tires blew out on the Trans-Samaria Road near Petah Tikva. The driver, Daniel Caruso, was lightly injured. Both were taken to Hasharon Hospital in Petah Tikva.

Shlomo Vanir, 32, of Amishav, was seriously injured yesterday when he apparently lost control of his car on the Petah Tikva-Kfar Sava road and it overturned. He was reported in critical condition at Kfar Sava's Meir Hospital. (Itim)

Fugitive soldiers arrested in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Staff
Two brothers — both serving in the Israel Defence Forces — were arrested at their Jerusalem home last night, after one of them threatened his commander at gun point earlier in the day and the two escaped.

The brothers are also suspected of stopping a car and forcing the driver to take them from the IDF base near Jenin, where the incident occurred. Dozens of policemen from the Samaria division and a large number of soldiers conducted a wide-scale search for the fugitive brothers yesterday until their arrest at 8 p.m. in the capital's Romema neighbourhood.

The soldiers and policemen set up numerous road-blocks in Samaria.

The younger of the two brothers, who was drafted into the IDF recently, came to his older brother's base near Jenin yesterday. The latter asked his commander for a short leave. When his request was refused, he turned his gun on his commander and then escaped with his brother.

The brothers were transferred to the Jenin police station last night for interrogation. The Samaria division police spokesman said last night that no driver had yet reported being forced to transport the brothers.

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had discussed with Peres the day before.

On the Likud side, Sharon declared that Aguda's "achievements and positions" would be "protected" in a unity government. The Likud, he said, had repeatedly told the Alignment "that we will not abandon our allies."

In Tel Aviv yesterday, Alignment MKs Avraham Katz-Oz and Aharon Nahmias met with NRP secretary Raphael Ben-Nathan for a further discussion of the national unity option. Sources close to the negotiations said that both sides are finding it hard going. The Alignment-Labour representatives are frustrated by the inability of the NRP leaders to agree among themselves, while the NRP representatives complain that Katz-Oz and Nahmias are the wrong men to be negotiating with a religious party.

The Mapam central committee will meet on Wednesday, despite Labour Party requests that the meeting be postponed. However, Mapam sources said yesterday that the committee would not take a decision on the party's participation in a national unity government — that, they said, would wait until after a unity government had been decided on.

United Kibbutz Movement leaders met with their counterparts from the Mapam-affiliated Kibbutz Arzi movement on Sunday night in an attempt to avert a split over the national unity issue. UKM sources described the talks as "very difficult."

The UKM is terrified that Mapam will walk out of the Alignment, leaving the kibbutzim as the only "ideological remnant" in an increasingly neo-liberal coalition. The kibbutzim are uncomfortable with last week's agreement with Ezer Weizman's Yehad Party, which followed the inclusion in the Alignment list of Likud renegades Amnon Linn and Yitzhak Peretz, and the Independent Liberals. "The Alignment is no longer Socialist," one Kibbutz source said yesterday.

Searchers split on 'Noah's ark' finding

ANKARA. — Former U.S. astronaut James Irwin yesterday cast doubt on a claim that Noah's Ark may have been found and said he had given up a hunt for the site until next year.

A member of the same expedition, Marvin Steffins, quit the search of the mountain in eastern Turkey to tell a weekend news conference in Ankara he had remains that could be from the Ark.

Irwin, prematurely ending his third attempt to try to find the ark, was quoted by Turkey's semi-official Anatolian News Agency as saying: "I was not able to find the boat this year." But he said he would be back.

There was no explanation for the apparent split between the two searchers, neither of whom has archaeological experience. (AP, Reuters).

U.S., Israel updating 1962 extradition treaty

Jerusalem Post Staff
The U.S. and Israel yesterday launched negotiations to update a 1962 extradition treaty between them, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

The spokesman said the purpose of the talks is to improve cooperation between the two countries in crime-fighting efforts. He said some aspects of the treaty need to be updated, but refused to elaborate.

The talks also are expected to produce a new mutual legal assistance treaty that deals with criminal matters.

The U.S. delegation is headed by Dan McGovern, a U.S. State Department senior assistant legal adviser, and Mark Richard, deputy assistant attorney-general.

Assad returns home

DAMASCUS (AP). — President Hafez Assad returned to the Syrian capital yesterday after four days of visits to Libya and Algeria, the official Syrian Arab News Agency reported.

Sana gave no details of Assad's three days of meetings with Libyan leader Mu'amar Gaddafi, which were interrupted by a trip to Algiers for talks with Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid.

Wafid leader: Freeze Israel-Egypt relations

CAIRO (AP). — An opposition leader was quoted in an interview yesterday as saying that Egypt should freeze its relations with Israel and concentrate on improving relations with Arab countries.

Momtaz Nassar, member of the right-of-centre New Wafid Party and spokesman for the 38 New Wafid members in the 458-member Parliament, told the bi-weekly *Al-Ahram* newspaper that Cairo's relations with the U.S. and the Soviet Union should be equal.

Arab official warns against free-trade zone

AMMAN (AP). — The projected establishment of a U.S.-Israeli free-trade zone poses real dangers for the Arabs, the assistant secretary-general of the Arab League, Abdul Mohsen Zalzala said here yesterday.

The Arab world should find a way to confront this challenge, and the Arab economic and social council meeting here will consider the issue, Zalzala added.

"U.S.-Israeli trade links and their strategic alliance, along with a host of other issues, will be tackled by the meeting," he said.

"The free-trade zone is a misleading term since the project is very serious and entails real dangers," Zalzala told newsmen.

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After 'Jerusalem Post' disclosures Follow-up begins on 'yordim' requests for help

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Absorption Ministry has begun to follow up the thousands of Israeli emigrants who have expressed interest in return by filling out forms during a visit to the ministry's office in Tel Hashomer. This results from the disclosure in *The Jerusalem Post* last month that the forms had been piling up for two years without being touched.

In an interview with *The Post* yesterday, ministry acting director-general Ephraim Cohen conceded that the forms had not been used by aliyah emissaries abroad or ministry workers here to encourage emigrants to return. But following *The Post's* disclosures, he said, a special meeting was held, in which the ministry and the Jewish Agency decided to coordinate their activities regarding the Tel Hashomer office.

The ministry established its office for yordim at the Israel Defence Forces RAM-70 (Reshimat

Ma'avar) headquarters at Tel Hashomer in early 1982. All Israeli emigrants visiting Israel must register there to get permission to leave the country from army reserves authorities. Many of them entered the Absorption Ministry office out of curiosity and filled out forms asking for help and information about opportunities for employment, housing and other necessities for re-settling.

The *Post* had reported that the Tel Hashomer office was not in contact with ministry departments or emissaries abroad, and that none of those who had filled out forms had been contacted when they returned to the Diaspora.

Cohen said that a senior ministry official now receives all the forms, including those that have lain untouched for two years, and ensures that the cases are followed up.

Meanwhile, Cohen reported that the ministry has corrected another problem raised by *The Post*

— that basic furniture provided to new olim on the basis of a low-cost loan was made available only during their first three months in the country. Cohen said that the period of eligibility has now been extended to six months, with a special committee empowered to extend the deadline on a case-by-case basis.

The acting director-general, who took over from Eli Artzi (who resigned to run — unsuccessfully — for the Knesset on the Tami list), announced that rental subsidies to new olim are now linked to the Bank of Israel rate for the dollar on the first of every month.

In the past, subsidies were not hiked often enough to preserve their real value, and a great deal of bureaucracy was involved before olim were able to receive the grants. Now, says Cohen, the newcomer just has to bring his rental contract and aliyah booklet to any bank, which will give him the dollar-linked subsidy.

World Hassidic Festival set for next month

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The first World Hassidic Festival is to be held September 15-17 in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem, with the participation of singers and groups from Israel, the U.S., Denmark, Morocco, England and South Africa.

The world festival seeks to carry on the 16-year-old tradition of Israel's annual Hassidic Song Festival. It is expected to add to the many international Jewish hits — such as *Oseh Shalom, Adon Olam, Shema Yisrael, V'eha' E'ne'nu* and others — provided by previous Hassidic song festivals, which have become staple songs of Jewish congregations here and abroad.

Ticket sales are expected to cover two thirds of the festival's \$50,000 cost, and sales of an album of festival songs are expected to cover the rest, producer Miki Peled told a news

conference here yesterday. The festival, which will be competitive, is jointly sponsored by its private producers, the Broadcasting Authority and the Tel Aviv Municipality.

Peled said the festival is intended to maintain a folkloristic, secular Israeli image rather than become a "religious" event. Among the scheduled participants is Cantor Linda Rich, of the Conservative Kehilat Yisrael congregation in Los Angeles, who served as the official cantor of the Olympics.

Women cantors date back to the fourth century, appear in the Middle Ages and are mentioned in Shai Agnon's novels referring to a period 200 years ago, Rich's representative, Aliva Zimerman, said. Rich represents the fifth generation of cantors in her family.

"I wouldn't want a woman cantor to sing in my synagogue," festival



Linda Rich

orchestra conductor Menashe Lev-Ran said. "But if synagogues are closed to women, concert halls

should be open to them."

Other participants include Moroccan-born singer/drummer Yitzhak Biton, a newly observant Jew who led the popular French rock group, Variations, until 1975. After becoming religious, Biton formed his present Hassidic rock group, Ra'aya Mehemana (Faithful Shepherd), whose members are also newly observant and which is to perform at the festival.

English participant Simon Szpiro — nicknamed "the Jazz Singer" — because he performs pop songs during the week and serves as a cantor on weekends — has appeared with Cliff Richard. Szpiro's versions of *Shoshanat Ya'acov* and *Adon Olam* became hits on Kol Yisrael's Hassidic hit parade.

Israeli participants are Tzemed Re'im, David Ulman, David Fisher and the Sela group.

NEWS ANALYSIS/Yitzhak Oked

Longtime feud shows need for Egged and Dan to merge

TEL AVIV. — A paradox of the recent long-standing tension between the Egged and Dan bus cooperatives is that these conflicts could eventually unite them into one large cooperative.

This week Dan started plying routes in Rishon LeZion and Herzliya that were previously run only by Egged. Dan also recently received part of the charter services that Egged carried out for the Defence Ministry. As a result, Egged has cut all ties with Dan.

The *Jerusalem Post* was told by high-ranking officials of both cooperatives that this competition shows the need for the two cooperatives to unite.

Several years ago the cooperatives voted for a merger. But the move for a union was broken by the Transport Ministry which said the action was illegal and that a merger would actually form a cartel.

Transport Minister Haim Corfu

stated publicly several times that such a union would be bad for the bus-riding public, whereas two cooperatives competing against each other by giving better service would benefit both the passengers and the cooperatives.

Officials of the two bus cooperatives told *The Post* that all Dan and Egged members received form letters during the election campaign from Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres that he would act quickly to unite the two bus cooperatives if he were elected.

Egged sources told *The Post* that one of the first things the chairman of its secretariat, Yehuda Kneiser member Shlomo Amar, will do in the Knesset and behind the scenes in the new government will be to bring about a union between the cooperatives as soon as possible.

It has also been learned that the decisions of Egged and Dan to unite, which was voted on several years

ago, still stands, and there is no need to bring this issue to vote before their members again.

Gideon Talmor, Egged spokesman, believes a merger will benefit the public, the government and the cooperatives.

The public will benefit, he said, because it will erase all the historical boundaries of the two bus cooperatives in the Tel Aviv metropolitan area, allowing passengers from the suburbs to go with one bus to the centre and other sections of Tel Aviv.

The government will benefit be-

cause it will only have to deal with one cooperative in planning a more effective public-transportation system, including the rapid-transit system proposed for Greater Tel Aviv, he said.

Talmor said the merged cooperatives would be able to serve the public more efficiently.

The two cooperatives are confident that the new government, no matter who heads it, will be more favourable towards a union between Egged and Dan than the present government, especially Corfu.

Rape suspect remanded

TEL AVIV (Itim). — An Or Yehuda man was remanded for eight days by the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court yesterday on suspicion of raping his former girlfriend last Friday night.

The police had requested that the suspect, Ben Zion Urmán, 22, be remanded for 15 days. Urmán's attorney alleged that the rape accusation had been fabricated by the family of the reputed victim, with whom he said Urmán had been intimate for several months.

Judge David Steinmetz accepted the police argument that a reasonable suspicion exists regarding Urmán's connection with the crime, but ruled that a 15-day remand would be excessive at this stage.

Na'amah schools to offer carpentry and welding

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Girls at Na'amah's 15 vocational high schools will spend less time studying sewing, child care and other traditional "feminine" occupations this year and more time studying technical and technological skills. Among the subjects being introduced are carpentry, welding and plastics.

A joint project with the Israel Defence Forces to train girls for work in electronics, which was tried on an experimental basis in four Na'amah schools, will be expanded this year after all the graduates of the programme were successfully placed in their field in the army.

Another development will be the introduction of computers into clerical training programmes.



Johannesburg Mayor Eddy Magid calls on Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday. (Rahamim Israeli)

Mekorot gets electricity back after IS1b. debt paid

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Electric Corporation yesterday cut off the power supplies to 15 Mekorot water pumping stations which supply irrigation water to farmers. But several hours later the IEC renewed the power supply after Mekorot paid the corporation IS1 billion of a IS1.4b. debt.

Mekorot promised that it would pay the remaining sum of IS400m within one week.

Mekorot spokesman Mordechai Yacobovitch told *The Jerusalem Post* on Sunday that they were not paying their debt to the IEC because farmers, local authorities and the

government owed them IS2.6b. It is believed that Mekorot received a short-term loan from a bank to pay the debt.

The farming community, which is represented on the Mekorot board with about one third of the seats, is angry because Mekorot has reduced the credit period to farmers for water from over 60 days to 30 days.

One of the items on the agenda of Thursday's meeting of the Mekorot board will be the company's financial problems.

Yacobovitch said that "if the old debts are not paid by the end of this week, these debts will balloon next week when the August debts are added."

8 children saved from fire by neighbour

JAFFA (Itim). — A neighbour saved eight children here yesterday when a fire broke out in a storeroom under their flat while their widowed mother was not at home.

The fire broke out yesterday morning in the storeroom under the Bechar family's flat. The neighbour, Rachel Dadon, saw the flames, entered the Bechar flat and took the children to her own flat via the kitchen window.

Dadon then called the fire brigade, which took an hour and a half to put out the fire. The flames destroyed the contents of the storeroom, but caused only minor damage to the flat.

Bridge repairs begin north of Petah Tikva

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Public Works Department yesterday closed for repairs one of two parallel bridges on the road between Petah Tikva and Ramatayim. The repairs are scheduled to be completed by Wednesday, September 5.

During this period, all vehicles will be routed over the second bridge, despite its being wide enough for only one-way traffic. Drivers are asked to obey the provisional traffic signs posted at the scene.

Soviet Jews hit hard by new laws

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A worsening of the situation of Soviet Jewry was reported at yesterday's weekly meeting of the Zionist Executive in Jerusalem.

Executive members were told that the new Soviet law prohibiting citizens from paying customs in advance on packages from abroad is particularly hard on Soviet Jews. In addition, another law makes contact between Soviet citizens and persons outside nearly impossible.

The discussion was held preparatory to next month's meeting of the presidium of the Jerusalem Conference for Soviet Jewry. It will be held in London from September 18 to 20, with participation of representatives of public councils for Soviet Jewry from the West.

Ina Begun, wife of Prisoner of Zion Yosef Begun, last week sent a letter to Soviet President Konstantin Chernenko protesting against the sentencing of her husband to six months' solitary confinement. The Public Council for Soviet Jewry reported yesterday, Ina Begun wrote that her husband had been punished because he told another prisoner about observance of Holocaust Memorial Day, and she asked: "How can these words, spoken by a man whose relatives are buried in a mass grave near Minsk, give the work-camp authorities reason to punish him so harshly?"

Autopsy order upheld to find cause of death

ASHKELON (Itim). — A local judge yesterday rejected an appeal by the local burial society against an autopsy order he issued on Sunday. As a result, the autopsy will be performed on the body of Yocheved David, 37, of Ashdod, to determine the cause of her death.

A preliminary police investigation found that the woman was an alcoholic. Her husband told investigators that he had come home one day at the beginning of the month and found her lying unconscious on the floor. He carried her to bed, and when her condition seemed to worsen several days later, he took her to Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot.

Kaplan doctors examined her and found that her spine was broken. She was transferred to Sheba Hospital in Tel Hashomer, where efforts to save her were unsuccessful. She died on Sunday.

The autopsy was ordered by Magistrates' Court Judge Shlomo Shoham.

4,500 hunters take to the fields this Saturday

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The local hunting season is to begin on Saturday and continue until January 31, the Nature Reserves Authority announced yesterday.

The principal game animals are hare, partridge and porcupine. Special permits are needed to hunt bunt. Shooting gazelle, a protected species, carries with it a stiff fine and possible prison sentence.

In order to obtain a hunting licence, one must first have a permit from the Interior Ministry to carry a weapon, and then pass a test given by the Nature Reserves Authority. Hunting is permitted only in specified areas indicated on a special map issued by the Authority, and hunters must keep a specified distance away from roads and settlements.

The country has about 4,500 licensed hunters.

By MARIE SYRKIN

Special to The Jerusalem Post
SEPTEMBER 6 marks the 60th anniversary of my father's death. There will be speeches at Kfar Syrkin and elsewhere, hailing the vision of Nachman Syrkin who wrote the *Special Jewish State* in 1898, two years after Herzl's *Judenstaat* and in response to it.

The synthesis, so commonplace now, seemed ludicrous when originally proposed. The memoirs of Shmura Levin and Chaim Weizmann, fellow students of Syrkin in Berlin, attest to the ridicule the weird amalgam of socialism and nationalism aroused among the Russian Jewish students who were fiercely divided into socialist internationalists and Zionists.

Undaunted, "Crazy Nachman," as he was dubbed, published what is now viewed as one of the seminal Zionist tracts in a respectable German socialist periodical that took the daring concept (few remembered Moses Hess) more seriously than his Jewish contemporaries.

The article went unheralded except for a few disciples, though it would be a mistake to say that it was wholly ignored; among my father's papers, I found several yellowing copies of a satirical Russian verse, apparently mimeographed for distribution.

In this *Syrkinade*, the bard (Syrkin) offers an unpalatable concoction composed of bits of socialism and Zionism dissolved in a newly discovered element labelled "Syrkinism." The unflattering squib must have affected my father since he kept the crumbling sheets throughout his wanderings, perhaps as a salutary reminder of the "mockery of small minds" against which he often desecrated.

At the early Zionist congresses, Syrkin continued his role of stormy petrel and spokesman for unpopular views. While reading congress minutes, I could not escape noting the number of *pu's*, hisses, and grogger *ummed* (great uproar) that frequent-

Anniversary of a Zionist visionary

A daughter remembers

ly greeted my young father's utterances, some of which now seem unhappily prescient.

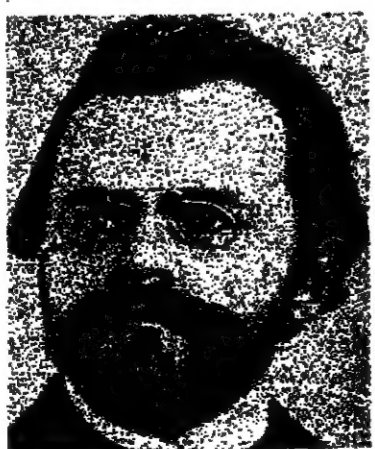
For instance, at the second congress he outraged many delegates by objecting to the proposed Committee on Culture and Religion on the heretical grounds that it consisted chiefly of rabbis whose dominance threatened religious freedom and progressive social views.

The "Syrkin scandals," supported by a tiny socialist minority, repeatedly tried Herzl's patience (No mean feat, considering he refers to Syrkin as "that exalted in his Diaries").

But adherents to the cause grew. By the seventh congress a large socialist-Zionist faction held up red placards beside the blue-and-white ones in the hall.

AT WHAT POINT does the obsession of an opinionated crank become an embracing movement? When I was working on the biography of my father, I was astonished at the numerous postcards and letters addressed to my father in Russian, German, Hebrew, Yiddish and English from various parts of Europe, each asking for articles and directives. The correspondents generally included the information that they had no funds for the journals they planned to launch. My father, equally impetuous, while industriously composing the pamphlets to expound the gospel, often had no money for stamps. Neither did the other three members of *Heslonia*, the first organization he founded.

Local humorists were inevitably inspired to joke about a party whose members consisted of Syrkin, Mirkin, the founder's baby daughter,



Nachman Syrkin

and a fourth whose name I can't remember.

But the idea took fire. It spread without money, without paid organizers, without public-relations experts. When, in 1933, I met Professor Moshe Weizmann (brother of Chaim) at the Hebrew University, he told me humorously how many sleepless nights he and other devotees in Berlin had spent in copying Syrkin's Russian pamphlet, "Call to Jewish Youth."

In the pioneer kibbutzim he argued against early ideological excesses — the notion that anything esthetic was not sufficiently ascetic, and that privacy and cleanliness were effete bourgeois deviations. And he gave heart to discouraged young *halutzim* in a difficult winter: "Your socialism has a twofold significance: in Palestine, it is a socialist enterprise; in the Diaspora, it has the significance of a national enterprise." To me he wrote of his plans to settle in Palestine as soon as possible.

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MY FATHER had a talent for getting excited. In 1903, he was exiled from Germany for radical activities just after he had received his doctorate in philosophy. The 1905 Russian Revolution meant immediate departure from France for the czar's domain with a false-bottom trunk containing revolutionary literature. By 1907, we were again travelling to forestall arrest. The last country in the odyssey was the United States, where we arrived in 1908.

He went to Palestine for the first time in 1920 as a member of an international Po'ale Zion commission whose function was to study local conditions and make plans for mass immigration. At last he saw the cooperatives he had propounded in the *Special Jewish State*.

A rapturous letter to me expressed his enchantment with the small, barren land. He saw what he had dreamed, and he dreamed what he did not see. But his humour and keen perception did not desert him.

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socialism as a son of your people.

It was his last plea to the Jewish internationalists he had sought to persuade all his life. He believed that if a bourgeois Zionist like Weizmann could influence Lord Balfour, socialist-Zionists should be able to convince Lenin of the merits of a cooperative Jewish Palestine.

Ben-Gurion had shared the illusion. In 1920, he had written to Syrkin suggesting that he leave for Russia to enlighten the Russian leaders. My father had been unable to go.

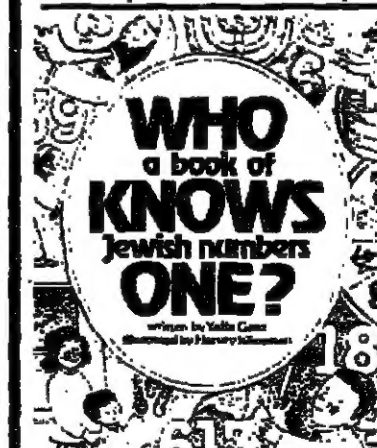
AFTER HIS DEATH there was a huge funeral and many speeches. In Tel Aviv, young Zalman Rubashov mourned: "The glory has departed." For me, the truest moment of memorial came in 1951, when his remains were re-interred in the kibbutz of Kinneret.

The ship with the coffin had docked in Haifa where all work had stopped in the harbour. Mayor Abba Khoushy spoke proudly of Haifa as the socialist city Syrkin had envisioned. As the cortege drove through Galilee, boys and girls from kibbutzim along the way threw flowers on the slowly moving tender. All the Labour-Zionist dignitaries were in the procession except Ben-Gurion. He had announced that he had no taste for re-burials: let the living, not the dead, come.

But when at the simple ceremony in the late twilight a girl from the kibbutz read the passage from the *Special Jewish State*, "The Jewish state can come into being only if it is socialist: only by fusing with socialism can Zionism become the ideal of the whole Jewish people," Ben-Gurion stepped abruptly out of the shadows to make an unexpected, dramatic pledge: "Syrkin, *hazoncha yitkayem* (your vision will be fulfilled)." What would my father have thought had he lived to 1984 to see how much had succeeded, how much had failed? He would not have despaired; he would have continued the battle.

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Dockers at 2 more UK ports defy strike call as 'political'

LONDON (AP). — Longshoremen at two British ports voted yesterday to defy a three-day-old dock strike in a growing rebellion against the walk-out called to support the 24-week-old miners strike.

Striking dock workers kept 19 ports shut, including Liverpool, Hull and Scotland's 12 major ports. But more than a dozen others were operating normally and exporters were racing to get cargo out before other strike votes later this week.

The nearly unanimous anti-strike votes by dock workers at the Northern Ireland ports of Belfast and Larne yesterday indicated a growing split among the country's 35,000 longshoremen.

The left-led Transport and General Workers Union (TGWU) suffered its first rebuff on Sunday when 600 longshoremen at Immingham in North East England voted almost unanimously against the strike. Immingham is Britain's third largest in terms of foreign trade tonnage.

TGWU delegate Jim Dugan said the Belfast longshoremen were unhappy the strike had been called to

back strikers in the National Union of Mineworkers. The NUM, led by leftist Arthur Scargill, is also split by moderates who have returned to work demanding a strike vote and militants who have called 75 per cent of Britain's 175 mines.

Local TGWU official Sam McVeigh, who chaired the Larne meeting that voted 115-1 against the strike, said he was "very disturbed" to see the union split. He warned the situation "could become very messy" if striking longshoremen are sent to picket working ports.

The TGWU called the present strike claiming "scab labour" was used last Thursday to guide the Panamanian freighter Ostia into the port of Hunterston with 95,000 tons of Dutch coal for a fuel-starved British steel plant.

But TGWU leader John Connolly openly admitted the strike was called to back the miners who went on strike March 12 to protest the state-owned National Coal Board's plans to close 20 unprofitable mines and shed 20,000 jobs.

Afghan-Pakistani 'proximity' talks open

GENEVA (AP). — Foreign Ministers of Afghanistan and Pakistan met in two separate groups yesterday in the first formal round of "proximity" talks on a political settlement to the nearly five-year-old Afghan war.

The talks are labelled "proximity" negotiations since the two sides meet near each other but in separate rooms, with U.N. Undersecretary-General Diego Cordovez shuttling between the two. In previous rounds they met in the same room, but at different times.

Cordovez, Afghan Minister Shah Mohammad Dost and Pakistani Minister Sahabzada Yaqub-Khan have clamped a tight lid on all com-

ment about the talks, which are expected to last until tomorrow at least.

Pakistan has steadfastly refused to meet officials of the Afghan government since it was installed when Soviet troops intervened in 1979.

The negotiations concern international guarantees of Afghanistan's security, return of some three million Afghan refugees living in Pakistan and Iran, and withdrawal of over 100,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan.

The talks opened amid reports of Afghan shelling of Pakistani border areas, and a new upsurge inside Afghanistan.

IMF issues warning of 'debt explosion'

WASHINGTON (AP). — An "explosion" in governments' domestic debt threatens the U.S. and other wealthy countries as well as poor ones, Jacques de Larosiere, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, warned yesterday.

He said it can be contained only if governments increase their revenues faster than the cost of the interest they have to pay, either by raising taxes or cutting spending, or both.

"The debt explosion is not limited to a few countries, but rather is a worldwide phenomenon," he said.

De Larosiere pointed out that in the last decade the size of government debt, compared with national income, has risen sharply in the U.S. and other industrial countries.

"In the United States the ratio remained almost unchanged at around 28 per cent up to 1981, but then it began to increase sharply, reaching almost 36 per cent in 1983," he noted.

His speech was prepared for delivery to the 40th congress of the International Institute of Public Finance in Innsbruck, Austria. His headquarters in Washington distributed advance copies to reporters.

With it came a table showing that the speed of the increase was greater in the U.S. than in Japan and Italy, countries where the government's debt burden amounts to more than half a year's total national income: 78.9 per cent in Italy, 52.5 per cent in Japan. The rise was also faster in the U.S. than in Britain or West Germany, but not so rapid as in Canada or France.

De Larosiere said it could become hard for countries to raise taxes or to cut spending enough. In that case they may decide that the only solution is "to inflate their way out of the problem," he suggested.

He recalled cases in the past when governments wiped out their big domestic debts by a burst of inflation. He did not mention which countries he had in mind, but huge inflations had that effect in Germany after both world wars. Inflation can virtually wipe out domestic debt by making a government bond with a face value equivalent to thousands of dollars worth only a few cents. This cannot be done with debts contracted in foreign currency.

De Larosiere said that governments must reassess their budgets.

Soviets will try next year to renew U.S. talks

BONN. — The Soviet Union is likely to make efforts early next year to resume a dialogue with the U.S., a senior West German politician said yesterday.

Wolfgang Mischnick, parliamentary leader of the Free Democrat Party, was speaking to West German radio after weekend talks in Sofia with Bulgarian President Todor Zhivkov and Vice-President Petar Tanchev. The Free Democrats are a junior coalition partner.

"I gained the firm impression from my talks with Mr. Zhivkov and Mr. Tanchev that both expect an offensive from the Soviet Union at the start of next year to explore all possible avenues for a dialogue," Mischnick said in the interview.

Moscow broke off talks with Washington last year after new U.S. nuclear missiles were deployed in western Europe. Bonn has been seeking in the absence of a U.S.-Soviet dialogue to revive détente through closer ties with East Germany and other east bloc states.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl confirmed in an interview Sunday that Zhivkov, regarded as one of Moscow's most trusted allies, would visit Bonn in September.

But in Moscow yesterday, the Communist Party daily *Pravda* issued a lengthy attack on U.S. arms control policy, accusing Washington of feigning interest in disarmament while in fact scuttling negotiations on space weapons and other arms.

Jordanian premier visiting Moscow

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Jordanian Prime Minister Ahmed Obeidat is on a private visit to the Soviet Union, and he is not planning to hold talks with any Kremlin officials, a spokesman for Jordan's embassy said yesterday.

Obeidat arrived in Moscow last Thursday on "purely personal business," he said.

Informed sources said Obeidat had come to visit his daughter, who was undergoing surgery at a Soviet clinic.

Turks granted asylum

COLOGNE (AP). — Nine Turks serving prison sentences for the violent 1982 takeover of the Turkish consulate here have been granted political asylum in West Germany, their lawyer said yesterday.

Attorney Harry Steiger told reporters that his clients, serving terms ranging from four to four and one-half years, remain behind bars but become eligible for parole next July.

The Turks occupied the consulate building in Cologne for 15 hours on November 3, 1982, holding 70 people hostage and exchanging gunfire with consular officials barricaded in a separate wing.



Swedish tennis star Bjorn Borg introduces his fiancée, Jannike Bjorling, 17, at a press conference when he dedicated the new Bjorn Borg Sports Club outside Stockholm. (UPI telephoto)

Boycott call casts shadow on S. Africa's first Asian vote

LENASIA, South Africa. — Opponents of South Africa's new constitution were to have another chance today to measure their strength by boycotting first-ever elections for a segregated Asian chamber of the previously all-white parliament.

Thousands of Asians boycotted classes in South Africa yesterday in protest against the elections and police reported violence in black townships near Pretoria.

Last Wednesday, boycotters and the government each claimed victory when 30 per cent of the registered "coloureds" went to the polls to elect a chamber of Parliament for people of mixed race. The turnout was 18 per cent of those eligible to register.

Today the question will be how many of the 411,000 registered

Asian voters, most of them descended from Indian immigrants, support the constitution by voting.

All sides predict a lean turnout, perhaps as low as 25 per cent. No matter how many Asians vote, the ruling National Party has said it will go ahead with the new constitutional plan in September.

This gives broad power to a new state president, most likely to be Prime Minister P. W. Botha, and seats 80 coloureds in a House of Representatives and 40 Asians in a House of Delegates.

Boycotters hope to discredit the elections because they say the white chamber has the ultimate authority and the constitution ignores South Africa's 22 million blacks who remain voteless and cannot move about freely or own land. (AP Reuter)

Sunken radioactive cargo off Belgium 'not dangerous'

PARIS (AP). — The radioactive cargo that sank off the Belgian coast after a ship collision this past weekend poses no danger, and the incident would never have been brought to public attention had it not been for ecologists and a French maritime union, a French official said yesterday.

The French cargo ship *Mont-Louis* sank Saturday afternoon about 10 nautical miles off the Belgian coast in international waters after colliding in the North Sea with a West German car ferry. No one was injured in the accident.

A Belgian research vessel found no traces of radioactivity around the area of the sinking yesterday, according to an official of a branch of Belgium's Public Health Ministry, which regulates the transfer of dangerous materials in Belgian waters.

Interviews with government, shipping company and nuclear industry officials in France all brought assurances that the accident posed virtual-

ly no danger to people or the environment.

But the sinking raised the question of how often governments alert the public to such incidents involving hazardous chemicals or radioactive material. It also served as a reminder that France has had a regular, 10-year trade in nuclear materials with the Soviet Union.

The *Mont-Louis* was sailing from Le Havre, France, to a uranium enrichment centre at Riga in the Soviet Union, when it sank. The shipping company says it plans to retrieve the cargo and eventually refloat the ship.

The maritime branch of the French Democratic Labour Confederation yesterday blamed Saturday's collision on undermanning aboard the *Mont-Louis*, which had a crew of 24.

The union has been fighting a general trend in France, and across most of the West, to cut back on crews.

14 South Pacific nations accept nuclear-free plan

SYDNEY (AP). — Leaders of 14 South Pacific nations yesterday agreed to draw up plans on making the region a nuclear-free zone but decided to let each country decide if it will admit U.S. nuclear-powered warships.

Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke said after the first day of the annual Pacific Forum meeting on the tiny state of Tuvalu that his proposal to set up a working party to draw up plans to declare the region a nuclear-free zone had been accepted.

But the forum nations turned down a proposal by New Zealand to take swift action by calling on the UN to declare the South Pacific a nuclear-free zone, Hawke said. The new government of New Zealand has said it will not allow any nuclear weapons on its territory and has

banned visits by U.S. nuclear-powered warships.

The forum, a loose consultative group, consists of Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Vanuatu, the Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Tonga, the Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Western Samoa and the Federated States of Micronesia.

The forum members also criticized French nuclear weapons tests in the Pacific and agreed to express their individual concern to Paris. A similar proposal to protest against Japanese proposals to dump nuclear waste in the Pacific was accepted.

Hawke said the forum had agreed that a working party should first determine what would be involved in declaring a nuclear-free zone before going to the UN.

North Korea rejects joint sport talks

TOKYO (AP). — North Korea yesterday rejected a South Korean proposal for a meeting on Thursday to resume talks aimed at forming unified teams for future international sports events.

The official (North) Korean Central News Agency, in a broadcast monitored here, said North Korean Olympic Committee chairman Kim Yu Sun rejected the August 17 proposal in a letter sent to his South Korean counterpart Chung Ju Yung earlier yesterday.

KCNA said Kim asked the South Korean side "to make an apology to the nation for having created artificial obstacles in the way of the North-South sports talks by

politicizing the talks and having made it impossible to send a single team to the Los Angeles Olympic Games."

South and North Korea held meetings in April and May in an effort to form a single team for the Los Angeles Olympics and other international sports events.

However, the meetings turned into heated arguments over political problems, including the bombing in Rangoon, Burma, last October, which a Burmese court blamed on North Korean terrorists. Seventeen South Koreans accompanying President Chun Doo Hwan on a state visit and four Burmese were killed in the blast.

Police, pickets clash in Bangladesh strike

DACCA, Bangladesh (AP). — Policemen fired tear gas and blank shells yesterday at rampaging pickets here during a half-day general strike called by the two major opposition alliances to press for government reforms.

The police said that 16 policemen were injured when a patrol van was attacked by pickets in downtown Dacca. The Dacca city office of the

government party Janadala also was attacked by strikers and two policemen suffered minor injuries.

The two alliances, comprising 22 political parties opposed to the martial-law government of Lt.-Gen. Hossain Ershad, called the strike to pressure the government to accept their demands that civilian government be restored.

India says Pakistan ignored plea to hold hijacked plane

NEW DELHI (AP). — India's civil aviation minister said yesterday that Pakistani officials allowed a hijacked Indian jetliner to leave their country despite a personal appeal from Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to Pakistani President Zia ul-Haq that an effort be made to capture the terrorists there.

In a statement to parliament, Minister Khurshed Alam Khan offered no new details on the impending fate of the seven hijackers, who freed the last of their 79 hostages and surrendered on Saturday night in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

"Further action is the subject matter of very delicate negotiations," he said.

Khan did not disclose who was involved in the talks but a report from Dubai said officials there were in contact yesterday with both the Indian and U.S. embassies concerning the hijackers.

While acknowledging problems of airport security in India, Khan said there was no evidence that a pistol was smuggled aboard the Indian Airlines jetliner in this country, but appeared in the hands of the youthful Sikh hijackers only after it had left Lahore, Pakistan and was en route to Karachi.

Pakistan authorities earlier denied suggestions by some of the passengers that the gun may have been

given to the terrorists during the 9-hour Lahore stop where the plane was refuelled and replenished with water.

Khan's four-page statement which was read in parliament, just before it adjourned, was the first official accounting of the episode — India's eighth hijacking of a domestic airliner in the past 13 years. The incident has touched off a storm of criticism about lax airport security.

Angry opposition leaders have demanded to know how the seven Sikh militants were able to seize the Boeing 737 last Friday and force it to fly first to Pakistan, where several passengers were released, and then on to Dubai, where government leaders negotiated an end to the ordeal.

Reports from Dubai said the officials agreed to let the youths stay there for a week, but their future after that remained unclear. The hijackers want political asylum in the U.S., but American officials declared that they would be arrested if they somehow reached American soil.

Regarding Gandhi's request to Zia, Khan said it urged that "Pakistan authorities should insure the safety of the passengers and crew, and the aircraft, not allow the aircraft to leave Pakistani territory, and apprehend the hijackers."

Sports

Wins for Wilander, Lloyd

MASON, Ohio (AP). — Mats Wilander built a 4-0 lead over Anders Jarryd in the second set, then withstood a comeback by his Swedish countryman to win 7-6, 6-3 on Sunday and become the first player to defend his title in the Association of Tennis Professionals Championships.

Wilander, who defeated Jimmy Connors in a stormy match on Saturday to gain Sunday's finals, earned \$48,000. Jarryd collected \$24,000 for second place.

The ATP is considered to be a time-up for the U.S. Open that starts today in New York City.

Wilander, who marked his 20th birthday last Wednesday, opened a 2-0 lead in the first set, but Jarryd battled back to tie at 3-3. Wilander won the tiebreaker 7-4 when Jarryd hit a return out of bounds.

Jarryd's spirited comeback earned repeated applause from the capacity

crowd at the Jack Nicklaus Sports Centre. But he appeared to run out of energy in the second set, falling behind 4-0 before closing the deficit to 4-3.

Wilander resumed the offensive with powerful ground strokes to win the set and the match 6-3. Wilander won the 1983 ATP championship 6-4, 6-3 over John McEnroe, who was eliminated from this year's tournament in a first-round upset by Vijay Amritraj.

Meanwhile, top-seeded Chris Evert Lloyd defeated unseeded Alycia Moulton 6-2, 7-5 (7-3) to win the \$250,000 Tennis Channel Challenge women's tennis tournament in Montreal for the third time.

Lloyd jumped to a 4-0 lead in the opening set, and though the second set was close, the outcome was never really in doubt. Lloyd won the top prize of \$142,500, while Moulton took home \$21,875.

Perkins makes the draw

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Israel's high flying number two racket Shahar Perkins' summer of success on the pro-tennis circuit has been rewarded with a place in the 128 main draw of the U.S. Open starting today.

The 20-year-old Haifaite — who beat Aron Krickstein in Ohio last week — is likely to open his account against Switzerland's Jakob Hlasek, 19, who edged Perkins in five sets in the recent Davis Cup semi-final tie here.

Perkins is now about 90th in the ATP's world singles ranking, having climbed a remarkable 350 places since last autumn.

Liverpool crushes West Ham 3-0

LONDON (AP). — Liverpool's England international striker Paul Walsh scored after 16 seconds of his home debut against West Ham United yesterday as the English champion registered its first victory of the season, 3-0.

Liverpool, also the European Champions' Cup holder, had drawn its opening match at Norwich 4-4 hours earlier, but bounced back to form.

Tottenham, which started the season with a 4-1 win at Everton, the cup winner, could only manage a 2-2 draw at home to Leicester City in its second match.

In a meeting of two of the clubs promoted to the first division, Newcastle United, the home side, beat Sheffield Wednesday 2-1.

England saves follow on

LONDON (AP). — Sri Lanka had a first innings lead of 121 over England on the fourth day yesterday of the test cricket match at Lords.

England was all out for 370 just before the close, with Ashantha De Mel and Vinodhan John each claiming four wickets.

Allan Lamb scored his fourth test century of the summer to rescue England which, at 218 for five, looked in danger of being asked to follow on.

England resumed at 139 for two, needing to reach 292 to make Sri Lanka bat again following the tourists' first innings' score of 491 for seven declared.

Shipper David Gower outscored his partner Chris Broad who had added 17 out of 51 when he departed for 86.

Wicket keeper Arshad Ali took the first of four magnificent catches by diving in front of first slip after a delivery from De Mel had found the edge of Broad's bat.

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Masonic scandal hangs over Italy

By VICTOR SIMPSON / Rome

THREE YEARS after the P-2 affair brought down a government and led to dark revelations of conspiracy and intrigue in high places, Italy's biggest postwar scandal still haunts political life here.

Even in a land where political scandals seem to pop up as often as governments fall, the allegations against the P-2 masonic lodge stand alone.

Its central figure, Licio Gelli, remains a fugitive, and many Italians believe the man dubbed by the press "the grand puppeteer" is still pulling strings from his hiding-place.

Many of his suspected affiliates in the super-secret lodge are still holding key positions in politics, the state bureaucracy and the military.

Bettino Craxi, Italy's first socialist premier, recently won a new lease of life only after one of his cabinet ministers who was implicated in the scandal resigned. But the political approval over the lodge shows no signs of dying down.

The scandal touched every important level in Italian life — government, military, business, the Vatican — had international repercussions, and ended the strange hold of the Christian Democratic Party on the premiership.

Suspected lodge members were

behind two of the most spectacular bank collapses in Italy and the United States since the depression of the 1930s.

The lodge has been linked to right-wing terrorism and crimes like tax evasion, bribery and conspiracy to overturn Italy's constitutional system, and murder.

"It represented a threat to the democratic system because of the connivances in every direction and at every level and because of the activities that derived from them," said the report of the special parliamentary commission appointed to investigate the lodge.

THE SCANDAL broke in May 1981, when Milan magistrates investigating Gelli's friendship with Michele

Sindona, the Sicilian financier convicted in 1980 of fraud in the collapse of the Franklin National Bank in New York, raided Gelli's offices near Florence.

There they discovered a list of 962 people who were shown as members of a masonic lodge so secret that only Gelli as "grand master" is said to have known all the names. It read like an Italian *who's who* — the chiefs of Italy's secret services, generals, publishers, industrialists, politicians and top civil servants.

The list also included the names of some non-Italians, including Argentines — Gelli was reportedly close to Argentine President Juan Peron — and at least one American.

The first victim was the government of Christian Democrat Premier

Arnaldo Forlani, which was forced to resign because the names of two cabinet ministers appeared on the list.

Forlani's successor as premier, Giovanni Spadolini, a Republican and the first non-Christian Democrat premier since 1946, made the "moralization" of public life one of the main themes of his government programme.

When Craxi took over in August 1983, his cabinet included Pietro Longo, the head of the tiny Social Democrat Party, as budget minister. Longo's name appeared on the P-2 list, although he has repeatedly denied he was ever a member.

With pressure on the government increasing, Longo resigned in July,

although he remains leader of the Social Democrat Party.

TINA ANSELMINI, who headed the parliamentary commission, estimates that some 100 generals and top civil servants whose names appeared on the list of the now outlawed lodge are still holding their jobs. The government told parliament that they would remain there unless there is more substantial evidence against them.

Many of those listed denied belonging to the lodge, although a number acknowledged they had met Gelli socially, or were introduced to him as an influential contact.

Ms. Anselmi said the commission had evidence linking the lodge to right-wing terrorism in the early 1970s. This, she said, was aimed at "overturning the democratic system" of Italy and replacing it with an authoritarian regime.

"But in the 1970s, just the opposite happened. The country moved to the left," she explained in an interview. At that point, she said, the lodge changed tactics and aimed at infiltration of political and financial circles and the news media.

ONE OF THE key players in this was Roberto Calvi, whose Banco Ambrosiano collapsed in Italy's

largest bank failure after he was found hanging from a bridge in London in June 1982.

He was on the list of P-2 members and millions of dollars of missing funds from his bank were believed to have been used to further the lodge's international designs.

In one P-2 inspired deal, Calvi acquired control of the Rizzoli publishing group, which included *Corriere Della Sera*, Italy's largest newspaper. The complicated operation also involved the Vatican Bank, according to the commission report.

At one point, the Vatican bank, whether it knew it or not, had a controlling interest in Italy's most prestigious publishing house. The deal was arranged by Gelli's right-hand man, Umberto Ortolani, now a citizen of Brazil and immune from extradition. He is charged in Italy with fraudulent bankruptcy and illegal transfer of funds abroad.

But Ms. Anselmi said there was no evidence that church officials were members of P-2.

A number of suspected lodge members have been linked to a series of other scandals, including a scheme to bilk the Italian government out of billions of dollars in tax revenue from oil sales.

Sindona is charged in Italy with



Bettino Craxi. (Camera Press)

the murder of the man appointed by the central bank to liquidate the failed Banca Privata. Sindona is serving a 25-year term in the U.S. for the Franklin National collapse.

Gelli has been in hiding since he escaped from a Swiss prison on last August, but he is still heard from from time to time through statements released by his Italian lawyer. He is charged in Italy with fraud, slander, political espionage and conspiring against the state.

(The Associated Press)

Four years after 'Polish August'

By JOHN DORNBERG / Munich

IT WAS four years ago that the world watched the seemingly impossible happen in Poland.

A government announcement of a 90 to 100 per cent increase in the price of meat triggered off a series of wildcat strikes in various parts of the country. And a month-and-a-half later, shipyard workers in Gdansk, led by an electrician named Lech Walesa, formed an "inter-factory strike committee" to coordinate the various walkouts and represent all strikers. Top-ranking Polish government officials agreed to meet with them.

On August 23, 1980 deputy prime minister Mieczyslaw Jagielski started negotiations with Walesa and other strike delegates, and eight days later, on August 31, a 13-page agreement, meeting most of the strikers' demands, was signed. Among its key provisions was the legitimization of the committee as "Solidarnosc" (Solidarity) the communist world's first and only free, independent trade union.

Less than 16 months later Poland's Communist Party chief and prime minister, General Wojciech Jaruzelski, imposed martial law and Solidarity was disbanded by a military government decree, with most of its leaders and activists interned and jailed.

The period of optimism that had seemed to herald a new era of genuine worker and socialist democracy in Poland, and perhaps elsewhere in the Soviet bloc, came to an end and the country plunged into despair and one of the darkest episodes in its history.

Late last month, in conjunction with another anniversary — 40 years of communist power in Poland — Jaruzelski, as a gesture of reconciliation with the nation of 36 million, declared a general amnesty to free the 662 "Solidarity" leaders and political prisoners still being held, 31 months after martial law had been imposed and 12 months after it had been conditionally lifted.

A few weeks ago, the last of the Solidarity leaders was released.

As Poles contemplate both the situation four years ago and the present they are wondering like the rest of the world: what comes next?

WILL WALESA, and other Solidarity leaders, a number of whom are still underground, as well as their intellectual advisers from the defunct "Committee for Social Self-Defense" (KOR), such as Adam Michnik and Jacek Kuron, try to reorganize the union, perhaps in some other form? And what would the likely reaction of Jaruzelski and the authorities be if they do? How much grass roots support do the union leaders and Solidarity still have? Will Poles accept Jaruzelski's attempts at reconciliation, and how strong is his position within the Com-

munist Party and how much leeway will Moscow give him?

These are only some of the questions being asked, and there are as yet no definite answers to any of them.

Poland has always been the Soviet bloc's most volatile and unpredictable member. Three times in less than 25 years — in 1956, 1970 and 1980 — entrenched communist leaderships were toppled by worker demonstrations and strikes, and replaced by teams that either did not want to or could not make good on the promises that had vaulted them into power.

However, a Pole from Warsaw commented last spring, "People are getting tired of crisis. I'm tired — you cannot live with perpetual ferment."

BUT WHAT of the next generation? A veteran party member recently said when asked whether Jaruzelski can bridge the credibility gap that divides him from the Polish people or lengthen the interval until the next of Poland's crises. "All that is needed is for those who are old enough to remember the Solidarity era, but did not take part in it to grow into adulthood, to want to have a go at it themselves."

Even taking into consideration the deep divisions between the moderates and the militants in the Solidarity leadership — rifts that were disturbingly evident when the union was legal — there are as yet no signs that Walesa and his followers are moving toward a reformation. This is despite his recent call for a meeting of the 12 presidium members and the union's national committee.

It is not yet clear whether the government will allow such a meeting to take place and what it will accomplish.

Solidarity leaders appear to be recognizing the fact that the new government-approved unions replacing Solidarity, though apolitical thus far, are already making their clout felt economically and causing headaches to many a factory manager.

Their membership is now said to be approximately four million, compared to the 10 million Solidarity had at its prime, but it helps to remember that the four million are recruited from Solidarity. The regime may be able to disband a union like Solidarity, but it cannot disband its own labour force or the Polish people.

It should thus not be ruled out that Solidarity is possibly being revived in the guise of official government and party sponsorship.

There can be no question that Jaruzelski and those closest to him in the party and government are trying to win the confidence and respect of Poles, in the same way that a Polish friend recently said, "This is a military dictatorship being run by liberals who are really trying to reform the economy and the system."

But whether Poles, not unaccustomed to being ruled by generals and colonels, but still embittered by the 18-month martial law, will give them a chance, is another matter.

The same could be said of the party hardliners, the dogmatists, ideologues and bureaucrats who oppose reform and are trying to undermine it, and who believe that Jaruzelski is too soft.

There is also the question of the Kremlin's position and that of the

more hard-line Soviet-bloc neighbours, notably Czechoslovakia.

The decisive factor, however, will be the economy and economic reform. Poland thus far is moving in the right direction and gradually recovering from the worst crisis in its postwar history. But much depends on its ability to settle its international debt, export, and import problems by both raising its productive capacity while simultaneously satisfying domestic consumer demand.

A vital element in this context is the question of the sanctions still in effect against Poland, another is the economic reform itself which, if it is to work and be fully implemented, will first cause more economic belt tightening and personal hardship before conditions improve.

Despite the fact that economic structures have triggered off most of the political upheavals of the past the Poles are not wholly concerned with material issues. In that sense there is cause for hope. Today, four years after the "Polish August," Poles have never been as free to express their views.

Censorship is at an all time low, public criticism at a record high. In the months ahead that may prove to be the most important vent.

Thoughts of Deng

By ANTHONY BARBER / Peking

THIS YEAR, 40 million Chinese Communists must remould their political ideas to reflect the thoughts of Deng Xiaoping or face dire consequences.

Deng, who turns 80 this month, is holding what is called a "rectification campaign" to ensure that the Communist Party will not threaten the practical economic policies he wants to bequeath to his successors.

The three-year campaign was launched last October. For most Communists, it is a study programme of new policies, which often oppose the principles held when they first joined the party under Mao Tse-tung.

They must accept the dismantling of Mao's rural communes. They must realize that the class struggle has been dispensed with and wel-

come close economic and political ties with the capitalist West.

Almost 20 million Communist Party members who joined during the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution are being forced to agree that it was a disastrous blunder, or at least pretend to think that way.

THE "rectification campaign" will involve members in a lengthy, reading list — a few carefully chosen

works of Mao are also included — to be followed by written critical appraisals of themselves and their pasts, showing that they support the present leadership's line.

This can be a gruelling process for those who led factional fighting or violent attacks on officials and intellectuals during the Cultural Revolution, with confessions repeatedly rejected and expulsion threatened. The party hopes to wrinkle out

senior Communists who are corrupt, and encourage the old or incompetent to step down.

Chinese newspapers almost daily report the fall of extreme "leftists" and senior Communists guilty of rape and other crimes.

Last month, Communist Party chief Hu Yaobang told a Japanese visitor that 3,000 had been expelled so far.

That figure is expected to reach

about 40,000 — or 1 per cent of the total membership — as the campaign works its way down through the hierarchy.

A party circular last month said that after the study and self-criticism stages, the campaign had entered a third phase.

"The leadership of party committees should try to eliminate the influence of 'left' ideology and conservatism, and should make sure that the guiding principles for economic, political, cultural, educational, organizational, and other fields are correct and are in line with reform and the party's general goals," the circular said.

But the press is full of evidence of resistance to central policies from local Communists.

The party recently had to publish

the full text of a document outlining the rights peasants now have to farm for themselves and keep the profits because officials were lying about how far the reforms went.

The anxieties of those who want to do what their leaders ask were reflected in a lengthy column in the Liberation Army Daily.

"Some comrades say that they themselves were only innocent children when the Cultural Revolution broke out. Therefore, they have nothing to do with thoroughly negating the Cultural Revolution and eliminating leftist influences. Is this a wrong view?" the writer asked.

THE PAPER replied that every Communist had to take part. In Mao's day, the Communists ran the vast communes and spearheaded the

drive for production. Under Deng, they face a decline of prestige and power.

In factories and offices, it is no longer only senior Communists who hold top jobs. The heroes of Deng's China are scientists and business people who get results.

Now that peasants can keep their profits, they apparently do not need slogans to motivate them.

One of the campaign's texts is a film called *An Event Which Should Not Have Happened*. It shows that when a commune is divided up into small profit-making farms, no one wants Communists in their group.

But there is a happy ending: The party members get together and prove they can farm as profitably as anyone.

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Mathematics and human behaviour

By PETER KIERNAN/Miami

THE DAY may not be far off when couples contemplating marriage will be able to get a computer prediction on whether they are headed for wedded bliss or the divorce court.

Two University of Miami researchers say they have developed a programme that can predict accurately even the style and pattern of a couple's quarrels, and the amount of strife they will endure if they marry.

Doctors Henry Kunce and Bernard Howard have been working on mathematically-based programmes for simulating human behaviour since the early 1970s.

"If an architect builds a model of a house before constructing the house itself, why shouldn't we build a model of a social relationship before people enter into it?" Kunce told Reuters.

He said that the most significant problems in the world involve human relations, while the most powerful problem-solving tools are in the realm of the physical sciences. Howard and Kunce want to bring the tools and techniques of the physical sciences to bear on the problems of the social sciences. "I think it's the kind of thing that jolts people at first," Kunce said. "I know I feel uncomfortable with it. The idea of control of human interaction and behaviour — I was quite repelled."

WHILE HE was concerned about the possibilities of totalitarian use of such programmes, he said he now thinks about the idea of "control" in a positive way. "A way to enhance

freedom... by having enough knowledge to know how to control and when."

Despite the complexity of human motivation, the researchers say social interactions are determined by three main factors: how you tend to react to things, your mood, and the input you get, such as whether someone compliments or criticizes you.

And, say the researchers, if a subject truthfully fills out a short questionnaire on specific reactions to given situations, the computer will give an accurate behavioural prediction. To do so, it must sort through 65,536 possible combinations of the three factors.

Add a second person with his or her 65,536 states, and then add the possible interconnections between the two people, and you get 4,298, possible combinations of interactions between them.

Tie in a third person, and the number of possibilities rises so high that "there is not even a name for the number," said Kunce. "I think of it like musical notes." "There aren't that many of them, but there is a tremendous variety in types of music."

THE TWO scientists have tried their programme on so many subjects over the years that they have lost track of the number.

As an example of how the programme works, Kunce described one couple. The man smiles on the outside, but is easily saddened on the inside. The woman, on the other

hand, so enjoys presenting a sour face to the world that it makes her happy on the inside.

When the computer ran a simulation of their relationship, it turned out that whenever the woman was in a bad mood the man was sad, even if he came home happy and she started out acting happy.

"You might counsel them that some situations are good for them, and some they might best try to avoid," Kunce said. "Or you might counsel the man to back out of the bar until the woman's out of that mood."

Howard says the system is far from perfect in that there is no mathematical formulation that can describe such factors as integrity, or the extent to which one reacts to peer pressure.

Both men expressed some doubts about the uses to which their work could be put.

Howard did not want to see "charlatans running a valuable research tool by using it as a commercial 'dating game'."

Kunce expressed the same thought differently. "I have a feeling that people with a high ethical sense often don't want to be involved with things that appear to limit man's freedom, while the unprincipled would welcome such an opportunity."

Whatever their reservations, however, both agreed that it was the scientist's obligation to pursue the truth while trying to influence how it was used.

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Keeping the issues clear

AS OFTEN happens, the debate over the involvement, or rather non-involvement, of the police in the abortive visit of the MKs to Tel Mond prison on Sunday has focused around arid legalisms. Already opposing legal experts are arguing whether or not MKs have an undeniable right to visit all government installations, including prisons, as part of their Knesset immunity.

There are of course legal arguments to be made in support of such rights and for their restriction. But that would be missing the point, which is the public nature of the question in dispute rather than the narrow legal one.

Suspensions and even hard evidence have been building up that the suspected members of the Jewish terrorist underground, who are being held in detention by court order, have been the beneficiaries of distinctly preferential treatment at the Tel Mond jail. This is what MK Mordecai Virshupski, a man not known for flamboyant grandstanding, has asked to investigate by an authorized visit to the prison.

What is beyond doubt is that Minister of Interior Yosef Burg has made use of his many powers to prevent that visit. Which may or may not be his legal right to do. The point is that Dr. Burg's stalling has lent credence to the suspicions that the supposedly moderate NRP leader has joined that part of the nationalist-religious camp that has made a point of demonstratively declaring its support for the suspected murderers and would-be murderers of the terrorist underground.

One of the most vociferous spokesmen for that camp, MK Rabbi Haim Druckman, whose request to visit the detained suspects for the purpose of encouraging them has not similarly been denied by the Minister of Interior, best exemplified its position in his comment on the Virshupski Affair.

The Morasha MK was quoted as saying that he had never heard of a situation where MKs sought to visit a prison in hopes of worsening the condition of Jewish prisoners.

Rabbi Druckman, and perhaps Dr. Burg too, should be reminded that a court of the sovereign Jewish state of Israel has ordered the detainees held not because they were Jews but because they are suspected of murder.

It is frightening to believe that the Minister of Interior too may be unaware of that distinction.

Nasty bit of work

BEFORE the elections the Tenth Knesset was convened for a special session at the behest of the Likud to railroad through two bills. One provided special benefits for discharged soldiers and the other guaranteed the real value of the public's savings against possible devaluations by a future government.

That was three weeks before the elections to the Eleventh Knesset. On Sunday, five weeks after those elections, outgoing Likud Deputy Minister Dov Shilansky, whose baby the discharged soldiers bill had been, accused Finance Minister Cohen-Orad of being "totally irresponsible" for announcing that he would refuse to allocate any funds for implementation of the benefits accorded by that law.

In the Knesset debate on the other bill to "safeguard" the public's savings against nefarious government designs, Cohen-Orad declared his intention to compensate the provident funds of the commercial banks so that they should cease withholding "the last month's index linkage" when such savings schemes mature.

It should be noted that this practice by the banks is one of the major forms of highway robbery practised against the public in a period in which monthly inflation has been averaging about 20 per cent. It need hardly be mentioned that absolutely nothing has been done to implement that ministerial promise in the eight weeks since it was made from the Knesset rostrum.

This cynical attempt to court public favour with such empty promises - before the elections - was matched by the Finance Minister's role in failing to stem the \$700 million hemorrhage in the country's precariously low foreign currency reserves in the month of July.

Yigal Cohen-Orad came into office at the Treasury last October riding on a reputation of being a critic of the irresponsible policies of his predecessor Yoram Aridor.

But it now emerges that Cohen-Orad's brief stewardship at the Treasury prior to the elections has been much more nasty and ruinous to the economy than the election-oriented colour-television and automobile import spree of Aridor in the spring of 1981.

The politics of factionalism

By DAVID KRIVINE

POLITICIANS CAN BE divided into three categories: There is the statesman, who puts the public interest first. There is the dogmatist, who puts his ideology first - like Yuval Ne'eman demanding new settlements in the occupied territories even if it bankrupts the economy, or Menahem Porush, calling for a "Who-is-a-Jew" law even if it splits the Jewish people in half. Finally, there is the factioneer, who puts the party first.

It is becoming clearer every day that Dr. Yosef Burg, minister of the interior in the outgoing government and head of the National Religious Party, belongs to the third category.

Dr. Burg is a civilized man; therefore his sin is worse. He has subscribed for most of his working life to the liberal philosophy of the Labour governments in which he held cabinet portfolios. What made him join the Likud coalition - and retain the Likud as his preferred partner - after all the deterioration in its policies since the 1981 elections?

His party moved to the right. Young hot-heads merged religious Orthodoxy with extremist nationalism to found Gush Emunim. Burg, eager to remain party chairman, moved to the right with them.

The shift was discredited under Begin's first administration, which made peace with Egypt. But since then the right-wing Likud has itself moved further to the right. Burg moves along blandly with them, figuring now in the ranks of those hard-liners who look without revulsion on something new and shocking: Jewish terrorism. He hints in favour of its disciples that there are

extenuating circumstances.

The question is, how does one treat a would-be murderer? Ariel Sharon and Rafael Eitan will answer, it depends on whether he is a Jew or an Arab. Rabbi Haim Druckman feels the same, because all three are dogmatists. Burg is not a dogmatist - he knows what the answer should be.

THE VISIT of the four Knesset members to Tel Mond prison, preceded by press publicity and escorted by television cameras, was not perhaps the best way of ascertaining whether Jewish detainees accused of terrorism are being given different treatment from other prisoners.

But Burg's refusal to admit the delegation makes it likely that favouritism is being practised. If it were not, the detainees would welcome the visit. "See how bad our conditions are," they would cry. "We are being handled like common criminals."

The visit of the Knesset group causes concern among the prison authorities because the "common criminals" are likely to express their outrage at the discrimination they feel is exercised at their expense.

ARE THE ALLEGED terrorists superior beings? Is a person accused of trying to blow up five buses, which are crammed with anybody who happens to be around, including women, children and probably rucksack-carrying foreign tourists, more innocent than a person accused of other more conventional offences?

Benny Shalita, the Likud member of the parliamentary group, sees the former as a misguided patriot. Burg knows better, yet sides with the dogmatists: the only reasonable explanation being that politics requires it.

A small flag was put without authority on a table in a police station at the Temple Mount, a Moslem holy site. The Waft asked that it be removed and the status quo restored. The flag was quietly put away.

Burg is no chauvinist, yet he - not Geula Cohen or Meir Kahane - ordered that this symbol of Hebraic authority and sovereignty be replaced. What had been introduced for no particular reason at the decision of a junior police officer is now deliberately planted back, against the wish of the Moslem population, on the instructions of the minister of the interior.

He knows the trouble and turmoil this will cause. What then are the advantages? Only that Burg steals some of Hanan Porat's patriotic thunder.

THEN THERE IS the matter of summer time. The public likes to wake up at first light when the morning is fresh, and to enjoy the cool of the evening. Burg ignores such predilections because it serves the convenience (not the vital interest, just the convenience) of the ultra-Orthodox to arrange things differently.

They are supposed to utter the morning prayers not before dawn, so they would like dawn to come early enough to let them finish their devotions in time for work.

Slumming it up north

By HELGA DUDMAN

come together in a devastating way, and anti-social behaviour (a relative term, to be sure) has now a whole new scale of effective power - weaponry, one might say - in the form of amplifiers and mobility.

People have, after all, littered their way around Lake Kinneret throughout history. There was Canaanite litter, Jewish litter, Roman litter, Byzantine litter, Crusader litter, Arab litter - but what was it? Vegetable peels, a few old bones, some smashed ceramic love letters, all antiquely bio-degradable. Today, every soft drink leaves its bottle or can. And as for destroying fields and trees, once upon a time one had to walk to do so, or urge the donkey on. Today, a determined family can create a swathe of devastation from Degania to Kinneret - via Ein Gev and Ginossar - in one afternoon. And it doesn't even take much energy, which in any case is provided by American aid. The best comment on the "300,000" story came from Kol Yisrael's Haim Hecht, who lives in Tiberias. As he put it, if the Olympics had included a category for snatching pirot and soft drinks from the stores, the Israelis would have won in both group and individual events.

Pirot, bottles, diapers, plastic plates and uneaten steaks are left to rot in the sun; the food thrown away around the lake and in Tiberias each week could probably feed the army (and what the army throws away could probably feed Galilee); but American aid will cover that too.

Today, what is called "crowding" has come to mean lack of parking space. For years, the Saturday news reports on the radio have told us that there is "no more room" at such-and-such a beach, which does not mean that no more bodies can be fitted in between the waves. It means that the parking areas are full.

In Tiberias, the result is a new high in frayed tempers. The Tiberias Club Hotel was allowed to open with a catastrophic lack of parking space (and a dangerous road - that is, dangerous considering the Israeli driver) and knives have already been drawn. Arab society demands murder to avenge family honour; Israeli society brings threats of death to avenge the honour of the family car, i.e., parking space. The little girl who was killed by a car near Ein Gev was the victim not of "overcrowding," but of the madness of "camping" near an Israeli road.

Incidentally, the city of Tiberias has long been clogged with traffic during the summer. For a pedestrian to cross the main thoroughfare is a major campaign, and cars honk bumper to bumper. There are no traffic lights at the main intersection, although this has been discussed for years. The official explanation is that "they wouldn't do any good in the summer, and in the winter we don't

need them."

The general attitude in Tiberias towards the summer and holiday crowds is, "Oh well, it's only July and August." And to put things in their political perspective, a Tiberias friend was trying to maneuver her car through the traffic and gave a honk at a driver stopping his car to chat with another driver. The driver hurled an epithet at her: "Ma'arachnik!"

The Kinneret area, with its marvellous attractions of mineral springs and its shimmering lake, has attracted millions of tourists for more than 2,000 years, the really heavy traffic starting only during the Roman period. Mendel Nun, of Kibbutz Ein Gev, has made a study of the history of tourism here, and points out that, if anything, "they did it better than we." The problems, he notes, were the same - entertainment, festivals, catering, public relations, permissiveness.

Nun lists the attractions and facilities - the 2,000-seat theatre at Hamat Gader, which was not for the local population, at a spa second in importance in the Roman world. The fine reputation of transportation here is referred to in the Midrash as a trip that might be "as fast as from Tiberias to Susita" - by sailboat, not by Volvo.

The crowds of the past were brought, he says, by the fame of fried fish on the Tiberias prom-

Dry Bones



What proportion of the population have that wish? No matter, Burg has no compunction about making the majority wake up at a time convenient to the minority. He does not run the country's domestic affairs for the population at large, he runs them for the NRP.

He sat in the Speaker's chair illegally. He may not have realized it, but after the matter was clarified he did not hear him inviting the oldest properly-qualified Knesset member, Abba Eban, to replace him.

Israel's electoral system has led to maladministration and is now causing deadlock. Burg does not support electoral reform.

It would benefit the national interest, most people are agreed on that. But would it benefit the NRP? Burg, a man nurtured in the best

traditions of European democracy, knows perfectly well that a system which makes it possible for one of the big parties to win a majority of seats in the Knesset would do no harm to the Jewish faith.

Divorcing religion from politics, if that happy outcome could be achieved, would on the contrary be an act of spiritual purification. It would widen the appeal of the national creed instead of keeping it as the preserve of a despotic few.

But it would also divorce a number of politicians from their Knesset seats. To achieve good government at such a price would be too great a sacrifice. That at least appears to be the way Dr. Burg sees it.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

enade; for Christian pilgrims, it has been the miracle of the fishes and the loaves performed at the nearby Mount of Beatitudes.

SO CROWDS are nothing new. The problem lies in modern infrastructural expectations. I cannot believe that even the most crowded panel of experts could determine the "optimum" of visitors that the lake shore could absorb, for this would depend on such environmental impact variables as the density of visitors per car and on desired discotheque capacity. Meanwhile, the density per room of guests at some of the new "holiday villages" reaches what would surely be the poverty level for permanent arrangements, while at the five-star level, lobbies tend to take on the atmosphere of a super-permissive children's camp.

All this cannot be attributed to lack of funds. Anyone who has seen the cars thronging Tiberias will have noticed the number of Maoi Charter stickers on the windows and the huge plastic bags filled with disposable food marked "Duty Free Shop," being carried by the visitors.

So it isn't the density but the style in which space is filled. Ben-Gurion Airport is not the largest in the world, but per unit of space may well be the noisiest and most hysterical: what goes on at the arrival and departure easily fills up Orly, Zurich, and Kennedy airports combined. Of course, it could be called a unique and heartwarming tradition of welcome.

I have on occasion discussed what the municipality is or is not doing to deal with the mess, with the city engineer of Tiberias, and why it is or is not good to permit the construction of yet more hotels (a 400-room project is about to open; two 200-room units are in the near-construction stage, and the master plan envisages another 4,000 rooms).

The city engineer studied architecture in Austria and is fond of telling me about a quaint little town there that receives three million visitors a year.

In any event, the word "camping" may not be quite right for what happens at the Kinneret, unless it is taken in the sense of transit camp. The right word to use is probably "slumming."

If I am being unfair, it is because my idea of camping was formed years ago with the Sierra Club in California, where the idea was to go into the wilderness with a small group of people and donkeys, and not see another soul for two weeks. Along these lines, in a mild way, the best holiday to be had in Tiberias was that made available to local children; who each day went on an outing with the Society for the Protection of Nature.

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POSTSCRIPTS

FOR ALMOST 100 years, American brewery workers have enjoyed cold beer instead of coffee when they take a break. But now some companies are trying to end the tradition, and the workers don't like it.

Union workers and breweries have been negotiating over the "beer break," said Charles Klare, secretary of the Brewery Workers Conference of the Teamsters Union, which represents most of the workers.

The Miller Brewing Co., for example, recently offered its machinists three free cases of beer to take home each month instead of the traditional free beer during lunch and breaks.

"We're recognizing that drinking (alcohol) on the job, especially around high-speed equipment, is probably not the smartest thing to do," said a Miller spokesman.

The machinists agreed to the trade. But the Milwaukee Brewery Workers Union, which represents most of the Miller workers, rejected the offer.

THE U.S. apparently appreciates *hazanu* more than Israel does. At least that's the way it seems from a report in the Hebrew-language newspaper for Israeli emigrants in the U.S., *Yisrael Shelanu*. The paper reports that the U.S. is about to issue a postage stamp in memory of the famed cantor, Yossele Rosenblatt, something that Israel has not yet done. The paper also interviewed Henry Rosenblatt, the son of the *hazan*, who wants to make sure that Yossele's contribution to Jewish culture is not forgotten. J.S.I.

"NIGGERHEADS" is a sort of confection whose strange name has popped up in cookbooks around the world. Its inclusion in one cookbook is especially startling, considering its title - *The International Goodwill Recipe Book* - and its origins: it is put out by a Zionist women's group in South Africa.

The recipe's instructions include, apparently in all innocence, "Fold in stiffly beaten whites." S.O.

READERS' LETTERS

CONSENSUS ON WHO IS A JEW

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post, Sir - In his letter of August 19, Mr. Laurence Elyan accuses me of hypocrisy and *chutzpa* for "laying down principles of observance for religious Jews, who prefer to belong to the Conservative or Reform movements." I realize that the various parts of my article (August 7) didn't stick together too well because of what I regard as "over-editing." Yet, even from my mutilated article, three points emerge quite clearly:

a) I believe in the heterogeneity of the Jewish people and advocate equality for all streams of Judaism in Israel.

b) There must be a consensus amongst all streams of Judaism about who is a Jew by birth and about the minimal requirements for conversion. Without such a consensus, there is no basis for unity. (It may be added that unless one defines by law who is a Jew, anyone can claim to be

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a Jew and the right to settle in Israel on the basis of the Law of Return).

c) If Reform Jewry really wants to influence what happens in Israel (and as a progressive force I should certainly like to see it increase its influence!) - the only way is by means of wide scale immigration and direct participation.

In present day Israel, Orthodox Jews, and secular Jews to whom Reform and Conservative Judaism are totally foreign, are an overwhelming majority. When I was born, the number of practising Reform Jews in Palestine could be counted on the fingers of one hand. Even today there probably aren't enough Reform Jews in Israel, with Israeli citizenship, to elect a single Member of Knesset! The last sentence in my original article (which was unfortunately cut out) read: "Am Yisrael HaReform, ayeka?" Not a word was mentioned about Reform Jews giving up or changing their principles of observance. I believe I was unjustly accused.

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF
Jerusalem.

ACCURATE ANALYSIS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post, Sir - I read and reread Eliezer Whartman's article, "An end to bigotry" (August 22) as a parched soul reaches for the tiniest patch of moisture. How simply and accurately he analyses our disastrous national situation, our self-destructive electoral system and lack of long-term planning and vision.

And in spite of the fact that a lot of Jews in Eretz Yisrael and abroad agree with him, one despairs of change ever taking place.

DENYSE KIRSCH
Ra'anana.

THE USE OF PESTICIDES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post, Sir - Your report of August 16 about people being poisoned by insecticide when eating fruit should cause a public outcry. Doctors and salesmen ("Albert Perot") have told us that fruit is good for us; now it turns out that the more sensibly we try to live, the more likely we are to slowly poison ourselves.

Surely the Afula Hospital report calls for a complete review of the use of insecticides in fruit and vegetables likely to be eaten raw.

In the meanwhile, the public is entitled to some guidance. Do the chemicals break down at higher temperatures, in other words, is stewed fruit safe? Are thick-skinned types of fruit (melons, water melons, citrus fruits) safe, or at least comparatively safer?

DANIEL DISHON
Herzliya.

SOUND AND LIGHT IN GERMAN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post, Sir - The Sound and Light show at the Citadel near Jaffa Gate is a truly fascinating and moving experience, and I would like to draw people's attention to the fact that it is shown in various languages, including German. I would encourage all guides and leaders of tour groups from Germany to have their tourists see it.

When I was recently there with my daughter, I watched a crowd of over 300 leave the English showing and I was especially touched by the willingness of the operators to show the German version for just four people at 10.15 p.m. How I wish that more Germans would see this wonderful and moving show and thus have a little more insight into the experience of Israel.

JOLIENE STEPHAN
Jerusalem (West Germany).

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